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Births.

BOEHME.—December 20, at Mimosa, Park-road, Mrs. O. C. Boehme—a son.

COOK.—December 22, at Back of New South Wales, Penrith, the wife of R. H. Cook, of a daughter.

FRYER.—December 12, at her residence, Eglinton, 50 Windsor-street, Paddington, the wife of Sydney W. Fryer, of a daughter.

GRANT.—December 20, at her residence, 27 Henley-street, Paddington, the wife of Alexander Grant, of a daughter.

GRESHAM.—December 22, at Wordsworth, Ebley-street, Waverley, the wife of L. H. Gresham, of a son.

M'CULLOUGH.—December 27, at Court Na-Farraga, Victoria-street, Lewisham, the wife of A. M. M'Cullough, of a son. Home papers please copy.

WILES.—December 31, at her residence, Fern Cottage, Neutral Bay, the wife of Lewin Wiles, of a son.

Deaths.

BLYTHE.—December 26, 1895, at Tamworth, Weaver C. A. Blythe, son of the late Sydney Blythe, of Armidale, aged 32 years.

CUTBUSH.—December 31, 1895, at his residence, Tunbridge, Selbourne-street, Burwood, Charles Cutbush, aged 51 years. Funeral leaves Burwood by the 2.25 train from the Mortuary.

FITZGERALD.—December 31, 1895, at his mother's residence, 302 Crown-street, Surry Hills, John Desmond Fitzgerald, solicitor, aged 32. Requiescat in pace.

GAZZARD.—December 30, at his residence, Badminton, Badminton-road, Enfield, Edward Gazzard, after a long and painful illness.

GILLHAM.—December 12, 1895, at the residence of her parents, Mabel Cottage, John-street, Randwick, Gladys Frances, the well-beloved daughter of John T. and Margaret Gillham, aged 7 months and 2 weeks.

GILLHAM.—December 31, at the residence of her parents, Mabel Cottage, John-street, Randwick, Doris Mary, the well-beloved daughter of John T. and Margaret Gillham, and twin-sister of the above, aged 8 months.

JEFFREYS.—December 29, 1895, William Thomas (W. Jeffreys and Son), late of 102 King-street, Newtown, in his 58th year.

MORGAN.—August 23, 1895, at the residence of John Pepper, Mayola, 132 Windsor-street, Paddington, Eliza Nicholls-Morgan, relict of the late John Nicholls-Morgan, aged 75 years.

UPTON.—December 26, at Scone, Mary Hope, the infant daughter of R. H. E. and M. E. Upton, aged 2½ years.

In Memoriam.

CARMICHAEL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died 31st December, 1894. Dead, but not forgotten.

Through all pain at times she'd smile
A smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angels called her home
She smiled farewell to earth.
Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps;
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where now our sainted mother sleeps.

Inserted by her loving family and husband, James Carmichael.

DERBYSHIRE.—In loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Frank Derbyshire, who fell asleep on 1st January, 1895. Inserted by Misses Nelson.

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			1896.	1896.	1896.
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Australia	7000	L. Reeves	Jan. 20	Jan. 25	Jan. 29
Massilia	5016	R. Harvey	Feb. 3	Feb. 8	Feb. 12
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AUSTRALIEN	Flandin	...	...	Jan. 2
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MONOWAI	Carey	Jan. 20	Jan. 25	Feb. 13
ALAMEDA	Van Oterendorp	Feb. 17	Feb. 22	Mar. 12
MARIPOSA	Hayward	Mar. 16	Mar. 21	April 9

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W. AUSTRALIAN PORTS, ESPERANCE BAY	Yaralla, Tuesday, January 7; Cintra, Wednesday, January 8 (See Special Advt. below); Yaralla, Tuesday, January 7
BRISBANE	Fitzroy, Friday, January 3; Maranoa, Tues., 5 p.m., January 7
MARYBOROUGH	Fitzroy, Friday, Jan. 3
BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE	Fitzroy, Friday, Jan. 3
ROCKHAMPTON	Fitzroy, Friday, January 3; Maranoa, Tues., 5 p.m., January 7
MACKAY, BOW'N, TOWNSVILLE, via all ports, to COOKTOWN	Maranoa, Tues., 5 p.m., January 7; Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., January 14
THURSDAY I'L'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., January 14
NOUMEA, SUVA, LEVUKA (FIJI), NUKUALOFA, HAAPAI, VAVAU (TONGA)	Victoria, Tuesday, January 28
NOUMEA, NEW HEBRIDES	Katoomba, Thursday, January 9.

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MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Monday, 7 p.m.
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LIME-STREET, foot of Erskine-street, at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, *12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15.
FIG-TREE, HUNTER'S HILL, 7, 8, 8.50, 10, 11, 12 a.m., 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.
SUNDAYS—LIME-STREET, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1 p.m., 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15.
FIG-TREE, 8.45, 9.45, 11, 12, 1, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15.
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TENDERS FOR LOAN OF £1000.

SEALED TENDERS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, the 6th January, 1896, for a Loan of £1000 to the abovenamed Municipal District, for the purpose of Building Council-chambers at Wilcannia. Repayment of principal in one sum at the expiration of Ten years, or by instalments of £75 per annum until debt is extinguished, at option of lender. Rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum, which will be paid half-yearly, on the 1st April and 1st October in each year.

Full particulars can be obtained from the undersigned.
W. F. STANBURY,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Wilcannia,
13th December, 1895.

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TENDERS are invited by the Council of the N.S.W. Zoological Society for the Hides, Bones, and Horsehair of the Horses to be killed in the Zoological Gardens during the year 1896. Further particulars can be obtained from the Superintendent at the Zoo Gardens, Moore Park. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned on or before THURSDAY, 2nd January.
W. H. CATLETT,
Secretary.
27th December, 1895.

TENDERS are invited for Erection of five 4-storied Houses, Orwell-street, off Macleay-street, Potts Point, until 11th January. Plans, specifications, and all particulars with the Architect, at 72 Pitt-street.
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ORB COR. GAL. IRON—5ft., 1s 8d; 6ft., 1s 11d; 7ft., 2s 3d; 8ft., 2s 7d; 9ft., 3s 1d; 10ft., 3s 6d per sheet.
CHAMPION'S GENUINE WHITE LEAD, 20s 3d per cwt.
RAW AND BOILED OILS, 2s 6d per gallon.
WIRE NETTING, 24in. x 2in. mesh, 50-YARD ROLLS, 4s 9d; all other sizes in proportion.
I.C. COKE TINPLATES, 20 x 14, 13s 3d per box.
COPPER BOILERS—10 gall., 15s 6d; 12 gall., 18s; 14 gall., 20s 6d.
BAKERS' OVEN TILES, FIRE LUMPS, FIRE BRICKS' CLAY; FENCING WIRE, 8s per cwt.
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Meetings.

HOME Rule Meeting, Domain, 3 Wednesday. Britishers, Americans, cordially invited.

THE CITY BANK OF SYDNEY.

Established 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given that the usual Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the City Bank of Sydney will be held on TUESDAY, the 21st day of January ensuing, at noon precisely, at the Head Banking House of the Company, Pitt-street, Sydney.

To receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half-year ending 31st instant.

To elect two Directors in the room of Alexander Dean, Esq., and the Hon. George Thornton, M.L.C., who retire in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, but who are eligible for re-election.

To elect an Auditor in the place of Robert Thompson, Esq., who retires by rotation, and is not eligible for re-election.

To transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board.
C. STANTON,
General Manager.
Sydney, 31st December, 1895.

N.B.—Any Shareholder becoming a Candidate for the office of Director must give notice of his intention to the Board of Directors, in writing, to be left at the Head Banking House of the Company 14 days at least before the day of election, as required by Clause V. of Part III. of the Deed of Settlement.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CITY BANK OF SYDNEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

As it will be necessary for you to elect an Auditor at the forthcoming meeting, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate.

Should you think favourably of my election, I shall feel honoured by your affording me your votes and interest.

Yours obediently,
HALEY C. D'ARDIER.
The Gunyah, Gladesville.

THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CITY BANK OF SYDNEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The period for which I was elected as one of the Directors of the Bank having expired, I am desirous of being re-elected to that honourable position. I respectfully solicit a continuance of your respect and confidence. Yours faithfully, GEORGE THORNTON.
Sydney, 1st January, 1896.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, corner of George and King streets, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the thirtieth day of January, 1896, at noon, for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance-sheet at the 31st December, 1895, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.

To consider and decide on such other matters and things as may then be brought forward by the Directors relating to the affairs of the Company, and to transact any other business which, under the Articles of Association of the Company, ought to be transacted at an ordinary meeting.

By order of the Board.
FRANCIS ADAMS,
General Manager.
Head Office,
George and King streets.
Sydney, 31st December, 1895.

NEW SOUTH WALES SHALE AND OIL COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Half-yearly General MEETING of Proprietors will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Exchange, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd January, 1896, at 12 noon.

BUSINESS.

To receive the Directors' Report for the Half-year ending 31st instant.

And for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before the Meeting, in conformity with the requirements of the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board.
WILLIAM HALL,
General Manager.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED until 1st FEBRUARY, 1896.
Sydney, 31st December, 1895.

Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF PETERSHAM.

To the Electors of Annandale Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

In response to many requests, I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a Candidate for election as an Alderman to represent your interests in the Borough Council.

Having held the position of Mayor of Petersham for five consecutive years, I am fully acquainted with all local requirements; while ten years' service as an active member of the committee of the Municipal Association—of which body I am also a vice-president—renders me fully conversant with the administration of municipal affairs.

Should you accord me your support, and on the day of election entrust me with your confidence, my best services will be devoted to the raising of revenue by fair and equitable taxation, and a wise and judicious expenditure of the same for the advancement of the district.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHEELER.
Bronte, Petersham,
1st January, 1896.

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HORDERN
AND SONS,
HAYMARKET (ONLY).

THE NEW REGIME.
REPEAL OF THE DUTIES

COMMENCING from JANUARY 2nd, 1896, ALL of our ENORMOUS STOCKS which have paid AD VALOREM or other of the REPEALED DUTIES will be OFFERED at REDUCED PRICES, so as to BRING THEM in TOUCH with the NEW ORDER of THINGS.

THE MANNER OF REDUCTION

is on a thoroughly systematic basis. So that nothing may escape, so that every article upon which a repealed duty has been paid be included in the almost UNIVERSAL REDUCTIONS, carefully prepared schedules have been handed to every department, to assist in re-marking the goods.

THE AMOUNT OF THE REDUCTIONS

is fixed to the amount of duty paid. All goods on which TEN PER CENT. has been paid will be reduced TEN PER CENT., while goods bearing FIFTEEN PER CENT. duty will be reduced FIFTEEN PER CENT. This is an edict from which no manner of departure will be allowed.

THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE REDUCTIONS

cannot be questioned. When the whole of the re-marking is done every article will show on its ticket, or in some other way, the OLD PRICE, and the NEW PRICE at which the line is offered.

THE EFFECT OF THE REDUCTIONS

must be a great loss to ourselves. We desire to be candid, and we repeat, it will be a great loss. But we are not distressed at that. We owe the people a DEBT of gratitude we can never discharge, but the change in the national policy GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY, and we hasten to pay SOMETHING on ACCOUNT.

THERE WILL BE NO NONSENSE IN GIVING EFFECT TO THESE REDUCTIONS.

THERE WILL BE NO AVERAGING OF PRICES,

or other similar procedure by which tradesmen may seek to save themselves the loss the diminished value of their stocks must otherwise entail.

THERE IS ANOTHER POINT

which gives the reductions a fuller meaning. It is a matter of common knowledge THAT PRICES of all sorts of commodities HAVE RISEN ALL OVER THE WORLD, and though most of our stocks to arrive were SECURED AT OLD PRICES, there are thousands of things, everyday lines in everyday use, which CANNOT BE REPLACED at OLD RATES. Therefore these

BONA-FIDE REDUCTIONS
of
TEN AND FIFTEEN PER CENT.

cannot fail to be a tremendous boon to all sorts and conditions of people, as giving a splendid opportunity of securing almost everything required for either house and home, or for personal use and adornment, at such

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

as under no possible circumstances can rule again.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Seats may be booked at ANTHONY HORDERN'S.

ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS,
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HAYMARKET (ONLY).

Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of DON FERDINAND O'CONNOR, late of North Lismore, in the colony of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased, intestate.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ISABELLA O'CONNOR, the Widow of the said deceased. G. B. SOMERVILLE, Lismore. By SLY and RUSSELL, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.

In the Will and Codicil of CHARLES GEORGE NOTTAGE, late of 35 Collingham-road, South Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, England, Esquire, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in England in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court.

JOHNSON, MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Proctors, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIJAH SINGLETON, late of Singleton, in the colony of New South Wales, Bootmaker, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HARRY PINCHIN, of Singleton, Auctioneer, and GEORGE BENJAMIN LLOYD, of Singleton, Builder, the Executors named in the said Will. ALBERT JOHN GOULD, Proctor, Singleton. By GOULD and SHAW, Solicitors, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, late of West Maitland, in the colony of New South Wales, Jeweller, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the undersigned, MARAINNA SMITH, the Executrix named in the said Will. MARAINNA SMITH.

Horses and Vehicles.

FOR SALE, a Gentleman's VEHICLE, known as a private 'bus, can be used in wet or fine weather, made by Peters, of London. The appliances allow to be altered from 'bus to break, will seat eight inside and two out, is in perfect condition and nearly new. For full particulars apply
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FOR SALE, useful Buggy PONY, price £6. J. Murry, Railway Refreshment-rooms, on railway station.

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WANTED to SELL, for SPOT CASH ONLY, Pianos, Drawing, Dining, and Bed room Suites, Bedsteads and Bedding, Pictures, Plate, Vases, and Ornaments at ridiculous low prices. Those furnishing should not fail to call M. SYMONDS and CO., 77 Castlereagh-street, between King and Market streets.

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PUREST and BEST,
½lb. and lb. Packets and Tins,
at 1s 6d per lb.
ALL GROCERS
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A REWARD OF 5 GUINEAS
is offered for the
LARGEST SHARK
captured
between Xmas and Easter.

THE RELIANCE OIL COMPANY,
as an incentive for the destruction of these Harbour Pests,
and an encouragement to Local Industry,
OFFER THE ABOVE REWARD
for the
CAPTURE and DELIVERY TO THEIR WORKS,
by any Amateur or Fisherman
within the colony,
of the
LARGEST MONSTER CAUGHT.

A FURTHER REWARD
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FERNANDEZ, Draper, Tea Gardens.
Half contents rewarded.

LOST, from Nicholl's Tasmanian Dandelion Brewery, St. Bernard DOG. Finder rewarded on returning same.

LOST, last Tuesday, Savings Bank BOOK. Reward by leaving same at Savings Bank, Barrack-st.

LOST, "that tired feeling" after drinking the genuine Apricot Brandy, at the Café Francais in George-st.

LOST, the morning Headache, now that I stick to Dickens' Whisky.

LOST, William-st., Purse, cont. coin and chain. Reward. 70 Darlinghurst-rd., Alberto-terrace.

LOST, Gent.'s Cloak, black cloth, satin-faced, rew. 10, Bonnor, hairdresser, near Sydenham station.

LOST, a PURSE on Taverner's Hill, Leichhardt. Reward. Birch Cottage, Hathern-st., off Tebbutt-st., Ldt.

LOST, Randwick or Centennial Park, plain Gold Bangle. Rwd. on returning Ravensberg, Dutruc-st., R'dwick.

LOST, Purse, containing £5-note, in Oxford-st., Paddington. Liberal reward. 140 Underwood-st., Pad.

LOST, Sunday even., in Castlereagh-st., Gold Bangle. Reward returning 252 Castlereagh-st., city.

LOST, King-st. cable tram, Monday, 5 p.m., Gent.'s Umbrella. Reward. 95 Sussex-st.

LOST, Sund. eve., King-st., small gold Necklace, keepsake. Reward. Fairholme, M'Pherson-st., Waverley.

LOST, Sunday morning, on Narrabeen-rd., new Silk Umbrella. Reward. Heathcote, opp. baths, Manly.

LOST, on Friday night, at Stalls entrance to Her Majesty's Theatre, a GOLD ELGIN WATCH, shell pattern. Handsome reward. Address
C. B., G.P.O.

LOST, Wednesday afternoon, at Anthony Hordern's, CHEQUE on City Bank, in favour of M. A. Quirk from Education Department. Payment stopped. Reward. Apply 14 Palace-street, Petersham.

FOUND, that at Power's Hotel Dickens' Whisky and Sloe Gin (a novelty in liqueurs) is obtainable.

FOUND on rocks, George's Head, White DINGY. Owner have by applying Wm. Proctor, Chowder Bay.

FOUND, a Carrier Pigeon, with ring round leg, date 1894. Apply Mr. J. O. Fairfax, Wolseley-road, Point Piper.

Religious Announcements.

COOGEE Open-air MEETING (D.V.), 3.30 p.m., near tram sheds. Christian workers invited.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF ASHFIELD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fees for attendance to the Dry Earth Pans—viz., 4s per pan, for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1896, must be paid to the Council Clerk on or before the 7th day of January next.

If such Payment is not so made the attendance WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

By order of the Council.
THOMAS GLASSOP,
Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Ashfield,
31st December, 1895.

Businesses for Sale.

FOR SALE, good Produce and Wood and Coal BUSINESS, taking £30 to £35 per week, rent 15s; good reason selling; horse, cart, scales, &c., £80. HURD, News Agent, Railway-road, St. Peters.

GROCERY, good stand, takings £50, increasing, no goodwill. 12 Botany-rd. Stock valuation.

FOR SALE, Cash Grocery Business, no goodwill; stock optional or at valuat. 734 Geo.-st., Haymarket.

REFRESHMENT ROOM, with Wine License, centre of city, splendid position, suitable for married couple or a lady. Owner leaving the colony after carrying on the business for 11 years. Trial given. Apply by letter,
W. S., Herald Office.

GENERAL STORE for SALE as a going concern. The business is the leading one in a thriving township in the Southern districts. The Stock, value about £6000, is clean and well assorted. This is an opening worthy of the attention of buyers seeking a sound and profitable business.
KENT and BRIERLEY,
Public Accountants,
102, 104, and 106 The Strand, Sydney.

FOR SALE, first-class Country TAILORING CONNECTION, no stock required; profits 75 per cent.
Tailor,
Victoria Coffee Palace, Pitt-street.

A FIRST-CLASS Tailoring and Mercery BUSINESS for SALE, in one of the leading cities of New South Wales. For full particulars apply to
STARKEY and STARKEY,
Chartered Accountants,
93 York-street, Sydney.

NEWS AGENCY at tram terminus, next Public school, 1500 dailies, 250 comics, £60. Terminus, Herald.

TOBACCONIST and Hairdresser's Business in Pyrmont Bridge-road for immediate Sale, by order of the widow of the late M. Matthes, deceased, doing a flourishing trade, rent only 15s. Apply M. SIMMONS, Haymarket.

BOOTMAKING, Repairing, good connection, new machine, lasts, &c., only £15. C. F. K., Redfern P.O.

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REFRIGERATING AND ICE-MAKING MACHINES.
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BELTING.—We have several Very Cheap Lines in LEATHER, Raw Hide, Rubber, and Cotton.
J. C. LUDOWICI and SON, Limited,
162 Clarence-street.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.—The whole of the magnificent Mining MACHINERY of the Ironclad Gold Mine, situate at Cargo, near Orange. Special attention is directed to this very superior property. The whole of this extensive plant is nearly new. Inspection invited. Inventory at W. DUNN'S, Punchbowl-road, Enfield.

WANTED on HIRE, few months, Vertical ENGINE and Boiler, 2 h.p. Particulars Vapour, Herald.

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Government Railways.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1896.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all Stations to all Stations (except for distances not exceeding 15 miles between stations in the Sydney and Newcastle Suburban Sections), by all trains available for return until FRIDAY, 31st January, 1896.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class (return), minimum 5s, and 1d per mile Second-class (return), minimum 2s 6d, will be issued at Sydney and Suburban stations to the country by trains leaving Sydney as under, available for return by any train (Melbourne Express excepted) up to 6th January, 1896, inclusive:—

7.20 a.m. for Nowra
7.55 a.m. for Goulburn
8.0 a.m. for Eskbank
8.15 a.m. for Newcastle (7.48 a.m. from Milson's Point).

TICKETS AT SPECIALLY LOW FARES WILL ALSO BE ISSUED FROM SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA SUBURBAN STATIONS TO NATIONAL PARK

FIRST-CLASS, RETURN 1s 6d
SECOND-CLASS, RETURN 1s 0d

In addition to the ordinary service Special Trains will run from Sydney as follows:—

SOUTH COAST LINE.
7.20 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., for Nowra; 9.30 a.m. for Kiama.
SOUTHERN LINE.
7.55 a.m., for Goulburn.
NORTHERN LINE.
8.15 a.m., for Newcastle; 9.10 a.m., for Hawkesbury; 9.30 a.m., for Hawkesbury and Gosford.
WESTERN LINE.
8 a.m., for Eskbank; 1.30 p.m. and 11.25 p.m. for Mount Victoria.

A Special Service of Trains will be run from Sydney at frequent intervals to Rockdale (Lady Robinson's Beach), Kogarah (Sans Souci and Sandringham), Como, Sutherland, and National Park.

An Improved Service of Trains will also be run on the Milson's Point, Belmore, and Richmond Lines.

The following Trains WILL NOT RUN:—
The 5.35 and 6.35 a.m., Sydney to Homebush; the 5.25, 7.15, and 8.10 a.m., Homebush to Sydney; the 7.18 a.m. Ashfield to Sydney.
The 9.28 a.m., Funeral, Sydney to Rookwood Cemetery; the 11.0 a.m., Funeral, Rookwood Cemetery to Sydney.
The 8.0 a.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at Strathfield at 8.22 a.m. (in addition to present stops).
SPECIAL RELIEF TRAINS will leave Ashfield for Sydney at 9.45, 10.13, and 10.50 a.m., and Homebush for Sydney at 5.42 p.m., calling at all stations.
A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Parramatta at 10.20 a.m., calling at Granville, Auburn, Rookwood, Homebush, and Strathfield, and be due Sydney 10.56 a.m.
After 4 p.m. the Main Suburban Service will be the same as on Saturdays, with the following exceptions:—The 5 p.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at all stations to Ashfield (except Flemington), inclusive, reaching Sydney at 5.46 p.m. The 7.20 p.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will call at all stations.
The 11.30 p.m. train Sydney to Hornsby Junction will run instead of the 10.30 p.m. train.

HAWKESBURY RIVER TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.
Excursion Trains will leave Sydney for the Hawkesbury at 9.10 and 9.20 a.m., Milson's Point at 9.30 a.m. Cheap return fares (including trip of 36 miles on the steamer), first class 5s 6d, second class 3s 6d.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS AND CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE.

The GOODS SHED at REDFERN and ALEXANDRIA will be CLOSED. DARLING HARBOUR GOODS SHED will be open until 10 a.m. for the delivery of perishable traffic. The CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE will be OPEN until 10 a.m. for the Sale of Tickets and delivery of perishable parcels only.
The Goods Sheds at other Stations will be Closed except for the receipt and delivery of perishable traffic.
By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS

TRAMWAY ARRANGEMENTS, NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st JANUARY, 1896.

Special trams will be run on all lines and at frequent intervals from Bent-street to Coogee Aquarium, Bondi Aquarium, and Bondi Beach. The Saturday service will be in operation on the following lines:—
Abbotsford, Balmain, Enfield, North Shore Cable and Electric.

RANDWICK RACES.
Special Trams will leave Bent-street for the Racecourse Platform at frequent intervals via Oxford-street, commencing at 10.40 a.m., and from the Railway Steps, Devonshire-street, via Cleveland-street, commencing at 11.40 a.m.
A First-class Special (fare 2s 6d return) will leave Bridge-street at 12 noon.
Return Tickets at 1s 6d each may be obtained at the following ticket offices:—Bent-street, Hunter-street, King-street, Park-street, Elizabeth-street, Liverpool-street, Railway Tram Ticket Office, and Central Booking Office, George-street. The Single Fare by ordinary Tram Tickets, or by Cash, will be 1s.
Ordinary Trams from Randwick will stop at the Racecourse and Kensington Platforms up to 3 p.m., BUT NOT BETWEEN 3.50 and 5.30 p.m. Ordinary Trams from Bent-street WILL NOT STOP at the Racecourse or Kensington Platforms BETWEEN 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS.
SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.
Special Trams will leave Bent-street for the Sydney Cricket Ground, via Oxford-street, at frequent intervals, commencing at 9.0 a.m., and from the Railway steps, Devonshire-street, via Cleveland-street, at frequent intervals, commencing at 10.0 a.m., returning from the Ground frequently throughout the day.
Fare, threepence each way.

OCEAN-STREET CABLE TRAMWAYS.
During the holiday the Cable Cars will run at frequent intervals and later than usual, as shown below:—

	From Ocean-street to King-street.	From King-street to Ocean-street.
1st January { First Tram	7.50 a.m.	8.15 a.m.
Last Tram	11.35 p.m.	12 Midnight

TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS.
On THURSDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1896, an IMPROVED SERVICE will come into operation on the following lines:—
Paddington, Bondi, and Waverley
Randwick and Coogee
Waverley and Randwick Extension
Balmain
North Shore Electric (morning service).
For particulars see Time-tables, copies of which can be obtained at the Central Booking Office, Tramway Offices at Bent-street, King-street, Park-street, Elizabeth-street, and Sydney Railway Station.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

Government Notices.

New South Wales Military Forces,
Victoria Barracks,
Sydney, 19th December, 1895.
ANNUAL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at this office until 11 a.m. of WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, 1896, for the following supplies during the year, 1896, namely,—
1. Anchors, Chains, &c.
2. Ranges, Stoves, Grates, &c.
3. Engineers' Stores
4. Awnings, Sails, Tents, &c.
5. Ship Chandlery, Ropes, &c.
6. Chemicals and Sundries.

Specification and form of tender may be seen at the Staff Office for Engineer Services, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
Tenders to be forwarded to the Staff Officer for Engineer Services, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, endorsed "Tender for —," and must be accompanied by a marked cheque or cash deposit for £5.
By order,
A. J. PINCHEN, Lieut.,
Division Officer South.
(2149)

Postal and Electric Telegraph Department,
General Post Office,
Sydney, 27th December, 1895.
ATTENTION is directed to Gazette Notice inviting TENDERS for the SUPPLY of 80,000 WOODEN INSULATOR PINS. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on the 15th proximo, and must be addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney.
JOSEPH COOK.
(2226)

Department of Lands,
Sydney, 11th December, 1895.
ATTENTION is directed to the Government Gazette of the 11th instant calling for objections to an application by Messrs. T. W. W. and J. FERRIER, for permission to Purchase land situated in the county of Cumberland, parish of Willoughby: Between part of applicant's property, known as Athol Gardens (Mrs. J. P. Kay's 4-acre grant), and Bradley's Head-road.
Objections lodged at the Land Board Office, Sydney, prior to the expiration of one month from date of Gazette will receive consideration.
WILLIAM HOUSTON,
Under-Secretary.
(2228)

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 30th December, 1895.
CONVEYANCE OF COAL—SYDNEY TO BRISBANE WATER.
OFFERS, addressed to the undersigned, to CONVEY Thirty Tons of Coal from Sydney and deliver same to the Dredge at Erina Creek, Brisbane Water, on or before the 6th January, 1896, will be received at this office till 3 o'clock p.m. on 2nd proximo.
R. R. P. HICKSON,
Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works.
(2241)

Military Notices.

BRIGADE DIVISION FIELD ARTILLERY.
"B" Battery PARADE February 8th, 1896, 2.30 p.m.; drill order. PAY for December Quarter, '95, Thursday, January 2nd, 1896, 7.30 p.m.
"C" Battery PARADE January 4th, 1896, 2.30 p.m.; drill order. PAY for December Quarter, '95, after Parade.
By order.
H. W. DANGAR, Capt.,
Adjt. B.D.F.A.
(2245)

AFTERNOON EXCURSIONS.—S.S. NAMOI 1212 tons, to HAWKESBURY RIVER. SATURDAY, from Market-street Wharf, at 2 o'clock. Return Fare, 2s.

Amusements.

TIVOLI THEATRE.
Sole Lessee ... ... Mr. Harry Rickards.

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Mr. J. W. WINTON,
ENGLAND'S PREMIER VENTRILOQUIST, in an Entirely New Entertainment.
LITTLE ALMA GRAY,
THE WORLD'S JUVENILE SERIO-COMIC.
And the Full Strength of the
DOUBLE TIVOLI COMPANY.
PRICES AS USUAL—2s, 1s, 6d.
BOOKING NOTICE.
An additional sixpence will be charged for reserving seats, which will not be kept after 5 past 8. Tiv. tel., No. 358. The Box Plan for to-night will be open at the Theatre from 10 to 12.

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THE EARLY DOORS will be OPEN TO-NIGHT at 6.45.
Sixpence extra to all parts.

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Lessee and Manager ... ... Mr. Tom Pollard.
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TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), 1st JANUARY,
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THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 2nd and 3rd JANUARY,
POLLARD'S LILIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY,
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Prices: 4s, 3s, 2s, and 1s.
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XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1895-6.
POPULAR EXCURSIONS to HAWKESBURY RIVER and PORT HACKING,
Weather permitting,
From Wharf, foot of Market-street, at 10 a.m. sharp.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st January, 1896.
S.S. NEWCASTLE, 1251 tons, to COWAN BAY.
S.S. MAITLAND, 880 tons, to NEWPORT.
S.S. SYDNEY, 631 tons, to PORT HACKING.
Excursionists landed for about 3 hours, arriving in Sydney on return about 6 p.m.
LUNCHEON, 1s 6d (provided by the Company).
Refreshments at Moderate Rates.
BAND ENGAGED FOR EACH STEAMER.
RETURN FARES 3s.
Children Half-price.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
The Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Co., Ltd., 147 Sussex-street.

JENOLAN CAVES.—Round Trip, rail, accom., buggies, 60s. Davis, Tourist Agency, 108 Pitt-st., op. G.P.O.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY.
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ALL VISITORS TO SYDNEY should make a point of seeing the ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,
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Parents should take their Children to the "ZOO" to see the "WILD MAN of the WOODS."
THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS are of all places the most delightful place you can take your children to, for in the MENAGERIE they will see
Cages full of LIONS
Cages full of TIGERS and young CUBS
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ELEPHANTS and CAMELS
BEARS, Hyenas, Jackals, Dingoes,
and
all kinds of Animals too numerous to mention.
Ostriches, Emus, Cassowaries, Flamingoes, Swans, Ducks, Coots, Water Hens, Macaws, Parrots and Parrakeets, Eagles and Vultures, and Finches and Song Birds too many to enumerate.
At 3 p.m.
Mr. J. BURROWS, the Elephant Keeper, will put JESSIE and TOBY through their WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.
At 4 p.m.
the LIONS, TIGERS, LEOPARDS, and PUMAS will be FED, and at 4.30 the PELICANS.
REFRESHMENTS can be obtained at moderate prices at the Refreshment Rooms.
Admission to the Gardens, 6d; Children, 3d.
The Randwick and Coogee Trams stop at the Gates.
Fare, 3d; Children, 1d.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.
SHAMROCK CLUB.
FAMILY PICNIC TO ATHOL GARDENS.
Grand new Pavilions. Hibernian Band and National Musicians. Steamers from Circular Quay at short intervals. Hot and Cold Water provided.
Return Steamer Fare 1s. Children Free.
Admission to Pavilion—Gentlemen, 1s; Ladies, 6d.
D. FARRELL, Hon. Sec.

MOONLIGHT HARBOUR EXCURSION.
NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.
The Favourite Steamer COURIER will LEAVE THE WATSON'S BAY JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY, at 8 o'clock, for a Trip to the HEAD OF MIDDLE HARBOUR, calling at WATSON'S BAY en route.
FARE, SIXPENCE.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY
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The Best Place to Spend the Holiday.
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Wet or Dry, Wet or Dry,
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Young Australian Band. Efficient M.Cs.
Good order and respectability may be relied on.
Every Accommodation for Family Picnics.
Merry-go-Round, Swings, &c., Free. Hot and Cold Water Free. Luncheons and Refreshments as usual.
Steamers leave King-street Wharf every half-hour throughout the day, from 10 o'clock.
Favourite Pheasant, with Band, 10.30.
NOTE THE CHARGE.—Steamer, Grounds, and Pavilion, 2s. 'Buses from Burwood Station for Gardens.
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LESSEES and MANAGERS ... ... Messrs. WILLIAMSON and MUSGROVE.
SUB-LESSEES and MANAGERS ... Mr. BROUGH and Mr. BOUCICAULT.
Acting Manager and Treasurer, Geo. L. Goodman; Representative, Mr. Mayne.

TO-NIGHT, JANUARY 1. | THE MAGISTRATE.
THURS., JAN. 2, FRI., JAN. 3. | DANDY DICK.
SATURDAY NEXT, JANUARY 4th, FIRST PRODUCTION IN SYDNEY OF
JOHN A DREAMS.
A Romantic Play in four Acts, by C. HADDON CHAMBERS.
A FEW PRESS EXCERPTS.
The Melbourne Argus says:—"The quality of the writing in 'John a Dreams' is of a high order, the character drawing is skilful, the moral purpose aimed at is sound and healthy. . . . The deck of the yacht in the first act, and the interior of the vicarage in the second act, are stage pictures which can scarcely be excelled."
The Melbourne Age says:—"The play is thoroughly interesting and strongly dramatic. The play would be worth seeing alone for the beautiful scenic effects which are introduced."
The Melbourne Herald:—"The success of 'John a Dreams' was instantaneous and complete."
The Melbourne Leader:—"The final scene is the gem of the piece. It represents the yacht sailing away with the hero and heroine on board. This is one of the most exquisitely conceived and artistically executed scenes ever seen, the painting in all arrangement of details being on a par with some of Irving's best productions at the Lyceum, London."
THE SCENERY, by Messrs. GEO. GORDON and J. GORDON, will introduce some entirely novel scenic effects.
Box Plan at Nicholson and Co.'s and A. Hordern and Sons', Haymarket. No Free List.
PRICES AS USUAL. Early Doors 1s Extra. Day Tickets at Adams's Marble Bar.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—BOX OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.
THE BOX PLAN FOR TO-NIGHT will be on view to-day at the Treasurer' office, Castlereagh-street, from 10 till 2 o'clock.

YOUR OWN PORTRAIT.
OPEN TO-DAY. Our price is 10s 6d for 12 Fine Art Cabinets and an Enlargement on Opal, size 12in. x 10in., finished in black and white by our own artists.
Our Rococo Portraits are the climax of modern photography. They have a fine gradation of half-tone, with a boldness that makes every picture stand out admirably crisp and delicate. The Rococo Portraits are absolutely permanent. OPEN TO-DAY.
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TATTERSALL'S CLUB, SYDNEY.
(REGISTERED.)
ANNUAL RACE MEETING.
RANDWICK RACECOURSE.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st,
and
SATURDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1896.
First Race will be started on New Year's Day at 1 p.m.
First Race will be started on Saturday, 4th January, at 1.30 p.m.
Trams and 'Buses to the course as usual.
A.J.C. Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations.
J. B. OLLIFFE,
Secretary.
Pitt-street.

RANDWICK RACES.
TATTERSALL'S CLUB.
JANUARY 1 and 4, 1896.
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MONETARY REVIEW.

After the exciting occurrences of several preceding years, the incidents of 1895 were comparatively uneventful. And yet on the whole they were more satisfactory, because they generally indicated a tendency towards recovery. The year was not free from disquieting features, yet these were but lapses in the process of revival. That which caused most concern was the drought, which undoubtedly did much harm to the pastoral interest in destroying many sheep and cattle that perished from lack of food and water, and also caused some loss to the agriculturists of the colony. But both graziers and farmers had compensations in the higher prices paid for their produce, which will probably realise as much as was obtained last year from the larger yields of wool and wheat. The general rise in prices of our staple products has imparted a much more hopeful tone throughout the community. People are gradually regaining lost confidence in the future. The stocks and shares of banks and other leading investment companies made a spring in the early months of the year, advancing considerably, and maintained the advance to the close, with a market fairly buoyant. Land and house property was slower to recover, partly in consequence of the unsettled political conditions and the doubts entertained as to whether taxation would be imposed, and, if so, the amount of it.

The money market throughout the year was remarkably steady, tending to an easier position, though no actual change took place in the bank rates for deposits, which have been unaltered since they were reduced on 10th August, 1894, by ½ per cent. to 3½ per cent. for 12 months, and 2 per cent. for six months. The year closed with the discount rates quoted at 6 to 6½ per cent. for three months' bills, 7 per cent for 4 months', overdrafts being 7 to 7½ per cent. The leading features of the quarterly banking averages presented in the various colonies throughout the year were as follow:—

Colony.	Deposits.	Notes Circulation.	Coin and Bullion.	Advances.	Percentage of Reserves to Liabilities.
September, 1894.					
	£	£	£	£	
N.S.W.	30,504,597	1,135,206	7,189,394	40,262,023	22·6
Victoria	33,205,865	982,955	8,164,778	44,740,936	23·7
S. Aust.	6,856,161	334,460	1,878,964	5,777,808	26·0
Tasm'nia	3,209,561	87,912	675,014	2,448,541	20·4
N. Z'l'nd	13,872,542	877,441	3,002,499	13,941,558	20·7
Q'nsland	10,840,264	8,612	2,033,343	15,402,501	18·6
W. Aust.	1,656,949	150,581	756,947	2,156,083	41·4
Totals	99,912,328	3,577,176	23,750,239	124,729,445	22·9
December, 1894.					
	£	£	£	£	
N.S.W.	30,248,692	1,235,989	7,430,551	39,785,781	23·6
Victoria	33,308,514	1,067,846	8,337,959	44,613,782	24·1
S. Aust.	6,802,886	349,350	1,859,711	5,588,765	25·9
Tasm'nia	3,230,322	87,950	683,937	2,434,263	20·4
N. Z'l'nd	13,558,020	893,715	3,221,476	14,367,355	22·2
Q'nsland	10,337,305	8,138	1,808,698	15,281,393	17·2
W. Aust.	1,808,561	177,785	839,996	2,231,519	41·5
Totals	99,003,303	3,820,782	24,272,238	124,302,858	23·5
March, 1895.					
	£	£	£	£	
N.S.W.	30,344,132	1,243,631	7,724,540	38,305,432	24·6
Victoria	33,574,214	1,070,022	8,378,673	44,018,035	24·0
S. Aust.	6,900,802	378,191	1,852,098	5,571,342	25·4
Tasm'nia	3,280,337	92,750	724,293	2,431,571	21·3
Q'nsland	10,906,459	7,806	2,036,193	15,268,948	18·5
N. Z'l'nd	14,022,723	928,322	3,285,637	14,137,921	21·8
W. Aust.	2,027,529	176,908	554,282	2,295,497	42·4
Totals	101,046,196	3,897,638	24,055,781	122,318,647	23·7
June, 1895.					
	£	£	£	£	
N.S.W.	29,993,411	1,144,617	7,611,900	36,407,517	24·4
Victoria	32,551,202	1,000,965	8,001,047	43,707,267	23·7
S. Aust.	6,725,966	363,821	1,858,555	5,415,163	26·1
Tasm'nia	3,227,542	98,077	777,112	2,311,758	23·3
Q'land	11,048,925	94,242	2,111,168	15,199,365	18·0
N. Z'l'nd	13,646,969	934,280	3,305,107	13,989,255	22·5
W. Aust.	2,272,826	102,135	1,128,037	2,331,335	46·8
Totals	99,466,741	3,742,397	24,792,922	121,361,660	23·9
September, 1895.					
	£	£	£	£	
N.S.W.	29,934,398	1,122,126	7,314,393	38,700,258	23·4
Victoria	30,813,508	915,330	7,776,961	39,535,700	24·4
S. Aust.	6,797,928	363,217	1,865,310	5,290,322	25·9
Tasm'nia	3,153,974	94,457	780,874	2,355,038	24·5
Q'land	11,020,842	7,443	2,161,739	15,351,510	19·5
N. Z'l'nd	13,353,872	867,356	3,319,755	14,270,685	23·2
W. Aust.	2,620,923	207,101	1,350,602	2,415,223	47·3
Totals	97,750,535	3,582,039	24,579,659	117,918,796	24·1

The most notable feature in the year's returns was the shrinkage of nearly seven millions in the advances. This was largely accounted for by the disappearance from the Victorian returns of the City Bank of Melbourne, which had £4,304,000 of advances in its July return—the last published. The suspension of this bank also accounted for a good proportion of the shrinkage of over £2,000,000 in the deposits. The figures point to an end of the drain which had been made on the banking resources since the crisis. They indicate some further increase of strength, for the coin and bullion in the September quarter, amounting to £24,579,659, exceeded by £819,000 the amount held in the corresponding quarter of 1894. As the deposits had slightly declined, the proportion of metallic reserves to liabilities increased in even a greater ratio, amounting to 24·1 per cent., or 4s 10d in the £, as compared with 22·9 per cent, or 4s 6½d in the £. The note circulation at £3,582,039, comparing with £3,577,176, is substantially unaltered. With a reserve nearly seven times the amount of the circulation, the talk about the security of the note issue seems almost farcical.

With gold accumulating out of all proportion to requirements and far in excess of the holdings in other countries, bankers have taken the initiatory steps to place the banking system of the colonies on a basis which will lessen the expense. Representatives of banks in most of the colonies met in conference in Sydney on 5th June. Their chief recommendations were aimed at the prevention of the establishment of bogus banks, the improvement of the quarterly returns, and the placing of the note issue under the management of a commission representing the Governments and the banks, the notes to be of a uniform character, the amounts based on existing note issue and assets and liabilities in respective colonies, and the notes to be legal tender other than by the Commissioners. Three issues of notes were contemplated—first, secured by 25 to 35 per cent. of gold and the balance Government stock; second, by way of loan on deposit, secured by 20 per cent. coin and 80 per cent. pledge of approved Government securities, on special terms of interest; and third, on deposit of approved securities on approved terms of interest with separate registry; interest derived by commissioners from securities held against notes to be devoted after payment of expenses and the creation of a reserve if necessary, one-half to the Government and the other half to the banks. It was also recommended that the audit should not be materially altered. When adopted these recommendations were furnished to the Governments of the respective colonies.

The Savings Bank of New South Wales had a prosperous year. The deposits exceeded the withdrawals. The total amount at credit on the 15th December was £3,807,033, against £3,412,703 at the corresponding period of 1894, and £3,156,000 on the like period of 1893. The increase was £394,330, as compared with an increase of £256,282 in 1894. Of the increase about £152,000 was due to additions made to the accounts at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the 31st December last, leaving £242,000 or 7 per cent. as the increase for the year, not a small amount by any means in a year of comparative stagnation.

The movement of deposits in the Government Savings Bank was very considerable, as will be seen from the following return to the middle of December in comparison with that of six preceding years:—

Year.	Deposits. No.	Deposits. Amount.	Withdrawals. No.	Withdrawals. Amount.
1888	192,466	£1,191,419	87,056	£1,011,948
1889	205,672	1,092,680	101,475	1,159,196
1890	218,594	1,156,641	105,295	1,076,960
1891	250,523	1,457,630	118,588	1,271,819
1892	277,717	1,620,616	154,063	1,498,009
1893	290,041	2,733,024	173,121	1,963,517
1894	290,035	2,110,048	179,121	1,848,916
1895	292,498	2,146,294	186,978	1,794,703

The deposits show a slight increase both in number and amount as compared with the total last year. The number of withdrawals was also larger, but the amount withdrawn was not so great. The amount deposited exceeded the amount withdrawn by £351,591, by which sum the total of deposits was increased plus interest. Here, as in the case of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, the results were encouraging.

Business in real estate during the year was extremely quiet, the transactions through the auction marts being less in amount than for many years past. The total would not exceed £560,000. In 1894 the estimate given was £800,000, that being a great reduction on £4,000,000 quoted years before at the time of the boom. Besides the properties sold by the brokers much was done privately of which no record was kept, including land sold for deposits of companies. The unsettled state of the land tax question, and the lower prices current for all descriptions of property, also tended to reduce the amount of the sales. The coming year, it is expected, will see some revival in business.

Although money was abundant, the conditions of the year did not favour the extension of co-operative enterprise. Perhaps gold-mining had more notice than other forms of industry. The companies registered included the following:—

DAIRYING.	
January 3—Wagga Wagga Dairy	£2,500
January 24—Wellington Farmers	1,000
January 31—Cullinga Creamery	700
May 11—Australian Milk Manufactory	2,000
July 5—Conjola Dairy	500
August 2—Berrima District Farm and Dairy	5,000
August 26—Forbes Dairying	1,500
September 28—Candelo Dairy	6,000
December 6—Rocky Hall Dairy	2,000
MINING.	
January 10—Brilliant Gold	£3,000
January 18—Drysdale Gold	750
February 4—Kurrajong Gold	1,020
February 5—Colo Gold	30,000
February 11—Mount Lawson Proprietary	20,000
February 9—Dayspring Gold	230
February 9—Macleay Copper and Silver	1,000
February 16—Bushman Gold	14,400
February 19—Great Western Gold	1,000
February 21—Hard-to-Find Gold	960
March 4—Mount Pleasant Gold	5,500
March 6—Harry Smith Gold	24,000
March 7—Austral Junction	2,000
March 11—D'Arcy Uhr Gold	600
March 12—Hillside Gold	2,503
March 26—Gundaroo Gold	12,000
March 26—Glen Alice Coal and Shale	4,000
April 1—Redfern Wyalong Crushing	4,000
April 3—Cobar Great Western Gold	50,000
April 3—Londonderry Gold	5,000
April 5—White Reef Gold	3,000
April 8—North Queensland Mines Agency	100,000
April 11—South Burragong Gold	6,250
April 19—Wyalong Currajong Gold	16,000
April 26—Mount Victoria Gold	300,007
April 29—Barnbungie Gold	3,000
May 6—Mount Drysdale Proprietary Gold	6,000
May 14—Weddin Gold	600
May 14—Golden Valley Gold	5,000
May 22—New Crown of Peak Gold	30,000
May 29—New Eldorado Gold	36,000
June 18—New South Wales Mining and Investment	10,000
June 24—Walter Scott Gold	40,000
June 25—Mount Dromedary Gold	5,000
July 5—On Guard Proprietary, Hawkins Hill, Roper	10,000
July 19—Ringarasoo Gold	10,500
July 25—Mount Drysdale Gold	51,200
July 26—Tumbarumba Basalt Deep Lead Gold	500
August 2—Snowball Enterprise Sluicing	10,000
September 4—East Hard-to-Find Gold	375
September 11—Bluey Gold	8,750
September 19—Young Australia Gold	50,000
September 26—Greta Coal	50,000
October 2—Araluen Gold	2,400
November 23—Burraga Gold	2,400
November 25—Glasson Freehold Syndicate	440
November 27—Broken Hill Junction Extended	50,000
December 7—Warralla Public Battery Gold	1,500
MISCELLANEOUS.	
December 31—Sydney Wood Block Paving	£5,000
January 22—Nadroga Company	12,000
January 29—Lichtner and Co.	10,000
March 13—Yass Wool-scouring	420
March 20—J. A. Bull and Co.	10,000
April 16—Taviuni Estates	50,000
April 23—Burton Brewery and Aerated Water	10,000
April 25—Parramatta Jam and Fruit-preserving	200
May 23—Thomas Edols and Co.	300,000
May 30—North-Western Graziers' Carrying and Forwarding Agency	625
June 19—J. M. Johnston and Co.	6,000
June 20—Fiji Banana and Produce	20,000
July 5—Kensington Recreation Grounds	12,500
July 22—Catholic Press Newspaper	5,000
July 23—Sydney By-product Manufacturing	1500
July 31—Holdship and Co.	20,000
August 3—New Plymouth Petroleum	50,000
August 28—Queensland Pearlshell Fishing	9,550
August 30—Flood and Co.	1,500
September 9—New South Wales and Hunter Distillery	50,000
September 23—Australian Needlewood Pipe	2,000
September 30—New England Electric Light and Power	7,000
October 5—Barton Patent Adjustable Collar	1,000
October 31—Cimo Patent Metallurgical	5,000
November 8—New South Wales Novelty	500
November 14—Original Mont de Piété	50,000
November 15—Beveridge and Co.	10,000
December 6—Marrickville Times	250
December 10—Queensland Glass and File	5000

In round figures, the capital of the companies registered during the year was a million and three-quarters sterling.

In the Stock and Share market business throughout the year was extremely quiet. The quotations for the principal stocks at the close of the years named were as follow:—

—	1893. Prices. Buyer	1893. Seller	1894. Prices. Buyer	1894. Seller	1895. Prices. Buyer	1895. Seller
BANKS.						
Commercial	20	20½	14½	15	19½	19½
City	60/	85/	60/	75/	82/6	87/6
Joint Stock	42/	48/		31	35/	37/
New South Wales	29	29½	25½	25½	29½	29½
Union	31	...	28	30	25½	27½
DEPOSITS.						
A.J.S. Negotiable	13/9	14/3	14/6	15/3	16/1	16/1½
E. S. and A.	14/6	15/	15/	16/	13/3	
Com. of Australia	15/6	16/6	14/9	15/	17/	17/6
National of Aust.	15/3	16/9	16/9	17/	18/9	19/6
Q'land National	12/	15/	14/	15/	15/	...
STEAM.						
Illawarra		80/	72/6	77/6	80/	
North Coast	13/	14/	10/6		11/	13/
North Shore Ferry	29/	31/	34/6	35/	38/	39/6
Newcastle	9/6	10/6	9/6	10/6	11/4½	12/
INSURANCE.						
United	53/	57/6	57/6	59/	71/	73/
Australian Mutual	10/3		13/	14/	15/9	16/6
City Mutual	1/6	1/9	1/6	1/8	2/1	2/3
Mercantile Mutual	5/4	5/6	4/10	5/2	6/6	7/
New Zealand	60/	...	53/	62/	70/	73/
BREWERIES.						
Australian		10/	5/		10/	12/
Tooth's	14/6	15/	13/3	13/9	19/6	20/
Castlemaine and Wood Brothers	...	13/3	...	15/	17/3	17/9
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Australian Gaslight	12	12½	13	13½	15	15½
North Shore Gas	15/	16/	19/9	20/3	22/6	24/
Broken Hill W. Sup.			3/6	4/6	13/	14/
Emu Gravel	7/6	10/	7/	10	7/6	10/
Melb. Tramway	8/	10/	9/	9/6	16/	16/6
R'dson. & Wrench					7/	7/6
Silverton Tramway	27/	28/	30/	31/	5½	5½
Colonial Sugar	26	26½	24½	25	24½	24½
Eagle Tobacco	3/6	3/9	3/3	4/	4/	4/3
Sydney Exchange	16		15½	17	15½	16½
Mont de Piété	19/6	21/	23/3	23/9	27/6	27/9
Perpetual Trustee		10/6	8/	8/9	8/3	8/9
Permanent Trustee	1/5	1/7	1/	1/3	1/11	2/1
Aarons's Exchange Hotel		5/6	...	4/6	...	6/
Shale and Oil	4/9	5/6	3	4/	4/	4/3
Sydney Hydraulic	10/3	11/3	12/	12/9	15/9	16/3
Sydney Freehold	6/		6/6	...	7/6	8/3
FUNDED STOCK.						
N.S.W., 1892	100½	101½	103	106	111	112½
N.S.W., 1873	100	101	104	106	112	113

These figures show a very marked rise for every class of stocks, indicating restoration of confidence as well as abundance of money; perhaps the former more than the latter, because money could not be said to have been scarce at the beginning of 1894. As the year extended, however, capitalists became tired of investing it at the low rates which the banks offered; and, of course, as they began to invest, stocks which were selling at prices yielding from 7 to 10 per cent. rose in value until at the end of the year the generality of stocks ranged from 5¼ to 9 per cent. The return at the market prices on the principal banks averages from 6 to 6½ per cent., on local Steam companies 7¼ per cent., on Insurance companies 8¾ per cent., on Gaslight companies 6¼ per cent., on Breweries 7¾ per cent., while the present prices of miscellaneous companies give returns ranging from about 4 per cent. upwards. The general advance in deposits of reconstructed banks has brought them to figures which return from 4½ per cent. to 6 per cent., the buyers taking the advantages of the addition to principal to accrue on their payment at maturity. A marked advance also took place in New South Wales Funded Stock. Investment at present prices yields the buyer barely 3¼ per cent—the year closing with money as cheap for the stocks of our Government as it is in London—a fact we believe unprecedented in the history of the colony.

The banks further increased the amount of their paid-up capital during the year, the amounts at the end of 1894 and at the present time being as follows:—

	Dec., 1894.	Dec., 1895.
Australian Joint Stock	£1,280,555	£1,158,800
Commercial of Sydney	827,753	992,140
New South Wales	1,819,620	1,916,040
City of Sydney	400,000	400,000
	£4,327,928	£4,466,980

The effect of the rise in prices of our leading stocks and shares has been to raise the market value of bank and other stocks very materially, as will be seen as follows:—

Companies.	Paid-up Capital.	Market value. Dec., 1894.	June, 1895.	Dec., 1895.
	£	£	£	£
Banks (4), local	4,466,980	3,927,050	4,210,830	4,802,000
Steam (4)	339,840	288,770	332,000	313,800
Insurance (5)	320,970	436,600	501,820	612,700
Gas (3)	774,320	1,535,430	1,716,330	1,819,450
Breweries (5)	1,393,000	945,670	1,114,210	1,221,700
Finance (3)	122,300	119,720	138,460	190,000
	7,426,430	7,114,240	8,303,650	8,959,650

In the first half of the year there was a considerable recovery, but the banks lost something of it in the second half. On the year, however, there was a substantial recovery of about three quarters of a million sterling in market values, allowing for the additional stock subscribed. Steamship companies' shares rose in market value in the year by 8·7 per cent., though at the close they were scarcely so high as in the middle of the year. But Insurance, Gaslight, Breweries, and Finance shares, which were, generally speaking, the slowest to move up, continued to rise till the end of the year, the market value being higher in the year in the case of insurance by 40 per cent., gas by 19 per cent., breweries by 44 per cent., and finance by 59 per cent. The general rise, allowing for difference in addition to paid-up capital, was about 22 per cent.

Several of the land and building companies which had to undergo the process of reconstruction in 1891 found themselves unable to pay the high rates of interest they had contracted to pay on deposits under their various schemes, and calling their creditors together were allowed abatements generally on the understanding that as assets were realised the deposits should be repaid. The recovery of land values will doubtless at no distant date admit of some relief to these companies, which have been rapidly diminishing their obligations to the public. The new rearrangement scheme of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. has re-established the company on a sounder basis.

The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, an influential London company, extended their business to Australia, selecting Sydney for their headquarters in the colonies, with favourable results. The Indemnity Mutual Insurance Company of Australasia converted their Sydney agency into a branch. The Manchester Fire Company also converted their Sydney agency into a branch during the year. The Lancashire Fire Insurance Company opened an agency in Sydney.

In October the Government raised a loan of £4,000,000. For the first time the negotiation was made at 3 per cent., resulting in the subscription of twofold the amount required, and the allotment of the whole of the stock at a net average of £96 8s 8d, which returns the subscribers £3 3s 9d per cent. Other colonial loans of the year were also raised at prices which cost the Governments from £3 5s 9d to £3 13s 2d per cent. The money raised by New South Wales was for redemption purposes, and reduces the burden of the interest charge by about £53,000 per annum.

The following table, giving the quotations for colonial Government stocks at the end of the past five years, shows them to be far higher last week than at any previous period:—

—	Dec., 1891.	Dec., 1892.	Dec., 1893.	Dec., 1894.	Dec., 1895.
N.S.W. 4's	106½	110	104½	107½	116
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1924	95½	94½	94½	100	105½
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918	95½	95½	94½	100	104½
Victorian 4's, 1908	103½	101	102½	101	108½
Victorian 4's, 1920	104	102	103	101	105
Victorian 3½'s	94½	90½	91½	93½	102
S. Australian 4's	103½	104	102½	106	110½
S. Australian 3½'s	95½	95	92½	100	106
Queensland 4's	103½	102½	102	106	109
Queensland 3½'s	91½	90½	90½	98½	103½
New Zealand 4's	102	105	106	105½	109½
New Zealand 3½'s	93	93	98	100	103
Tasmanian 3½'s	93	95½	96½	99	104
West. Aus. 4's	104	105	103	111	121

The following are the returns of mortgages and reconveyances under the old deed registration law, to 27th December, compared with the figures to the end of 1893:—

Nature of Deed.	Consideration. 1894.	1895.
Mortgages—		
Town lands	£965,321	£868,681
Country lands	4,039,672	5,345,864
Town and country lands	156,035	483,776
Suburban lands	600,847	420,752
Total amount lent	5,761,877	7,123,075
Reconveyance of mortgages	2,022,870	2,469,780
Transfers of mortgages	485,489	765,498
Conveyances	1,916,884	1,792,296
Conveyances under mortgage	381,129	158,594
Mortgages of live stock	1,095,355	2,240,998
Reconveyances of stock mortgages	426,040	1,052,783
Liens on wool	2,057,957	2,241,556
Lien on crops	178,033	216,598

The figures were generally larger than in 1894. The item mortgages on suburban lands is an exception.

The prospects of the year 1896 are fairly favourable. The rainfall throughout large areas of the colony gives hope of a good season and of satisfactory returns from the later crops. To the graziers and dairymen the rainfall assures vegetation for a time. The price of wool in the markets of the world is at the highest figure of several years past, having risen proportionately more than the quotations for most other articles. This is encouraging, inasmuch as wool represents about 60 per cent. of our exports. Silver, our next most important product, commands 3d per oz. more than it did a year back. This also must be regarded as satisfactory, particularly as the cost of production has been reduced, and processes have been discovered for utilising ores from the mines that at one time could not be turned to account. Others of our raw products generally more than maintain the prices current a year back. And if the general boom in trade throughout the world is not arrested by war, there is a fair prospect that in the commerce of the world our exports should exchange for imports relatively better for us than they have done for several years past. Moreover, the freeing of our ports by the abolition of the protective and other duties should exercise a material influence in stimulating trade, and especially in increasing the advantages enjoyed by Sydney and Newcastle in the redistribution of British and foreign goods to intercolonial and Polynesian centres. Colonists, while thus free from the harassing Customs restrictions, will enjoy cheap goods, which must help them materially in developing the pastoral, agricultural, dairying, and mining industries, while also favouring the prosecution of subsidiary industries. On the whole the outlook is encouraging and, though no boom is anticipated, the coming year will probably see a substantial measure of recovery.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

In our commercial review for 1894 we had to summarise the course of the markets as generally downward. The opinion was then expressed, however, that prices had "touched bottom," although there were but few indications that this was really the case. Since then facts have amply borne out the opinion then hazarded. For some time this year no great improvement either in prices or in the volume of transactions was noted, but later on a steady upward tendency became apparent, and this has since continued as a factor in the market. Among the lines most affected have been wool, wheat, and manufactured metals; several other lines also showing a distinct hardening, such as sugar, kerosene, chemicals, &c. But while this has been briefly the result of the year's trade, it must be borne in mind that, had it not been for the restrictive influence of tariff uncertainties and legislative delays, no doubt even better results would have accrued, and business have assumed proportions of even greater magnitude than can now be recorded. Early in the year buyers generally were induced to purchase within the narrowest limits of their requirements and allow their stocks to run down until their stores were almost bare, in the belief that the Customs duties would be removed in July, and later on the uncertainty was aggravated by several other dates being mentioned. So until quite recently commerce has been held in suspense. While taxing the accommodation of the bonded stores this did not tend to improve business. But in so far as it has had the effect of prolonging that period of extreme caution in buying which was the relic of the commercial crisis of 1891, many believe that it has done much to place the mercantile interests of the colony on a sounder and more enduring basis. This being so, and the tariff difficulty now happily settled, all should be enabled to start fairly and reap the benefits which, it is hoped, will result when freetrade again holds sway.

The subjoined table, which gives the opening and closing prices for the year in all the leading lines, with the percentage of the advance, shows how general has been the hardening in prices:—

—	Opened. £ s. d.	Closed. £ s. d.	Advance. £ s. d.	Per Cent.
Wheat	0 2 3	0 4 3	0 2 0	88·8
Flour, old	7 0 0	11 0 0	4 0 0	57·1
Sugar	21 0 0	21 0 0	...	
Tea, clean common	0 0 4½	0 0 4¼	...	*5·2
Currants	0 0 3	0 0 3¾	¾	25·0
Elemes	0 0 5	0 0 4¼		*15·0
G. C. Iron	17 5 0	17 15 0	0 10 0	2·9
Fencing Wire (10)	7 5 0	7 10 0	0 5 0	3·4
Barbed Wire	14 0 0	16 0 0	2 0 0	14·2
Tinplates	0 12 9	0 12 6		*1·1
Hennessy's Brandy	0 45 6	0 46 6	0 1 0	2·1
Lowndes' Rum	0 2 7	0 2 5		*6·4
Key Gin	0 9 6	0 10 3	0 0 9	7·8
Malt	0 6 0	0 6 6	0 0 6	8·3
Rice Japan	14 15 0	14 15 0		
Salt	0 52 6	0 52 6		
Woolpacks	0 1 3½	0 1 5½	0 0 2	12·9
Branbags	0 3 3	0 4 0	0 0 9	23·0
Cornsacks	0 4 4	0 4 2		*3·8
Kerosene	0 1 1	0 1 3¾	0 0 2¾	19·2
Castor	0 2 2	0 2 2		
Cream Tartar	0 0 9	0 1 0	0 0 3	33·3

* Fall.

The distribution of trade over the different months was clearly regulated by political events. For the first six months business of a hand-to-mouth character only was done, it being generally supposed that the duties would be removed in July, and preparatory to that event only the smallest stocks were held. As soon, however, as it became known that a further postponement was to take place the Customs revenue rose from £139,139 in June to £203,935, or from the lowest to the highest point in two years. August was also a heavy month, while the next best months in the year were October and November, during which the early Christmas trade made itself distinctly felt. Despite the unsettled state of trade, owing to the tariff difficulty, the Customs revenue shows an increase of £30,243 on the figures of last year. The receipts at Sydney for each month of 1895, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1894, were:—

Months.	1894.	1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
January	168,151	169,334	2,183	...
February	156,236	162,278	6,042	...
March	153,156	155,797	2,641	...
April	159,874	164,097	4,223	...
May	171,976	164,819	...	7,157
June	165,684	139,139	...	26,545
July	180,904	203,935	23,031	...
August	189,308	184,953	...	4,355
September	163,237	159,093	...	4,144
October	173,723	193,336	19,613	...
November	168,202	173,983	5,781	...
December	165,022	158,237	8,920	...
Total	2,014,109	2,033,036	30,243	...

The following shows the insolvencies for the year in comparison with those of several preceding years:—

Year.	No.	Liabilities in Schedules.	Assets in Schedules.	Deficiencies.
1887	1751	£1,081,726	£788,941	£292,785
1888	851	639,307	439,677	199,630
1889	1101	794,602	396,723	397,879
1890	1192	1,203,684	540,725	662,959
1891	1257	989,777	454,211	535,566
1892	1463	2,035,316	793,045	1,242,271
1893	1685	1,527,984	905,763	622,221
1894	1512	1,852,235	995,935	856,300
1895	1219	1,142,637	747,052	395,585

The falling-off in both insolvencies and liabilities is very great, much greater than it has been since 1891.

The Breadstuffs market opened low early in the year without indication of improvement. Wheat was then selling at from 2s 3d to 2s 5d. Later on steady advances occurred until 3s 6d was reached; but it was not until early in October that the market became really interesting. At about this time it was realised that the harvest was likely to be an extremely poor one, and in consequence the intercolonial markets rose suddenly, until yesterday wheat could not be landed from Victoria much under 5s duty paid, while the South Australian market is somewhat lower. Since June heavy importations have been made from both the above-mentioned colonies. In July £677 was paid as duty on imported wheat. In August, £167; September, £249; October, £2653; and November, £3331, or for the five months, £7077, representing 283,080 bushels of grain. But in addition to this, close on 25,000 tons have already been ordered from California, estimated as being worth over £150,000, and during the five months enumerated over 5000 tons of flour have come to hand from Adelaide and Melbourne. New local wheat closes firm at 4s to 4s 3d, which are practically freetrade values, while old flour is offering at £9 15s to £10, and new at £9 10s for January delivery.

The following is an approximate comparison between the yield of the season 1895-96 and that of 1894-95:—

—	1894-5. Bushels.	1895-6. Bushels.
New South Wales	7,041,000	4,703,400
Victoria	11,445,000	7,000,000
South Australia	7,557,000	6,000,000
Queensland	667,000	50,000
New Zealand	3,613,000	3,250,000
Tasmania	872,000	900,000
Western Australia	520,000	440,000
Total	31,716,000	22,343,400

Sugar values have been singularly even during the past 12 months. Unlike the preceding year, when a fall of £4 occurred in the Company's tariff, this year no alteration whatsoever took place, and outside brands were pretty well on the same level, ranging up to £21 for best whites. It is estimated, however, that apart from the Colonial Sugar Company's stocks not one half the quantity of sugar will be carried over to next year that this year opened with. Bonded stocks for the end of December show a decided increase on corresponding periods of past years, and it must be borne in mind that these do not include stocks held on the Northern rivers of this colony. Practically no foreign sugars have come to hand within the period under review, but what will occur between now and next harvest remains a matter of doubt.

As regards tea, the year may be conveniently divided into two parts. During the opening six months, especially towards the latter end, a brisk business was done. After that, ever since the new Chinas arrived, the market has been dull and declining. The reason is obvious. Early in the year when a revision of the Customs duties was being first considered there seemed every likelihood of the duty on tea being reimposed, as all apparently favoured this particular means of raising revenue. Not to miss any advantage that might accrue therefrom all classes of buyers purchased heavily. The duty, however, was not levied, but the heavy stocks remained, and it has been from this over-speculation that the market has suffered ever since. Clean common opened at about 4½d, and in April rose to 5½d, at which figure but little was to be had. In May it was known that the duty was not to be reimposed, the effect being immediate. There is tea still on the market that was imported from Melbourne in anticipation of that event which still remains unsold. Gradually the depression became more pronounced. The ill-fated Catterthun arrived on 12th July with the new season's China teas. Several days subsequently the first sales were held, and later on each succeeding shipment meant a loss to importers. Clean common tea is quoted at 4¼d to 4½d for heavy weights, and 4¼d to 4½d for light weights, the latter being rather scarce. Ceylons are getting a stronger hold than ever upon the market, to the detriment of other descriptions of leaf. The markets of supply have been firm throughout.

In groceries and kindred lines prices throughout the year may be classed as extremely even. Dried fruits have shown but slight variations, currants being firmer and sultanas weaker than at the opening of the year; but there has been a very much less appreciable difference in cost. There will not be such heavy stocks of dried fruits held over this year; but otherwise the market has not presented any remarkable features. In pickles, sauces, candles, &c., the leading brands have either not altered at all throughout the year or to a very insignificant extent. Owing to the pack being short, salmon is now higher than it was at the opening, and indeed all tinned fish are dearer. Jordan almonds sustained a stiff advance, the new supplies having cost 180s, as against 105s early in the season.

Early in the year the proposed tariff alterations had a marked effect upon all metallic goods, most of which were directly influenced by the proposals. Merchants imported with extreme caution, and when July was near at hand stocks had been reduced to so small a compass that one would have thought that further reductions were impossible. As, however, no settlement was then arrived at as to the Customs imposts, and anticipation daily increased, there was little inclination to increase stocks. About three months back, however, the market took a turn, several events conspiring to give an impetus to all manufactured metals in England. Series of advances occurred, bar iron, sheets, plates, hoops, g.c. iron, tinplates, and many other lines being more or less affected. The result of these advances will be that in a great number of instances consumers will have to pay the same price as before the duty was removed. Of course, had no remission been made, advances corresponding to the amount of the duty would have occurred; so that while apparently gaining nothing, in reality the consumer really does gain the difference. Stocks are now so depleted, too, that merchants will not have such severe competition from the more timid class of small holders, who so often prevent any material advance for a lengthened period after increased cost warrants higher prices. Financially among hardware merchants the year has been satisfactory, and although prices have not always been very remunerative, still, losses have been relatively few. Those importers who purchased early will, of course, reap the benefit of their foresight, but so unsettled has been the tariff that it is not probable that many have done so. As an illustration of the effect of the removal of the duty wire nails may be instanced. In this line an advance of 9d per cwt. has recently taken place. The duty that is to be rescinded averages 8d, so that a net rise of 1d over recent figures has really occurred despite the removal of the Customs tax.

Taking one thing with another, it may be stated that the liquor business shows to some advantage as compared with that of 1894. During the second half of the year especially has this improvement been noted. A number of the weaker houses have been weeded out, and so strength has been added to those remaining. This refers both to importers and country hotel-keepers, but especially to the latter. Another feature of the year has been an increased inclination to do business on a cash basis with the allowance of an extra ½ percentage. For some years back the bonded stocks of spirits have been gradually diminishing, and the year just closed has proved no exception to the rule. Whisky and schnapps in cases are the only prominent exceptions, while brandy, geneva, and rum all show a further decline. Speculation has been almost entirely absent during the past 12 months, geneva being the only line that came under its influence to any degree. This article advanced from 9d to 1s per case some three months back, and prices since then have been pretty well upheld. Hennessy's brandy has advanced about 1s during the year, stocks now being more in keeping with the demand. Lowndes' rum has declined somewhat. With regard to malt liquors it may be said that the leading brands have more than maintained their position, while several outside brands have gone almost entirely out of consumption, and very few of those bargains are now to be had which was once the feature of this market. Champagne has maintained a very even course throughout. Wines remain at about late levels. Imported sherries were, perhaps, more in demand, but the colonial article is *steadily forcing* other descriptions out of the market.

The jute goods market has not been altogether satisfactory. Woolpacks firmed since the beginning of the year, and shearing requirements absorbed pretty well the whole of available stocks. Branbags were subject to speculative influences several times during the period under review, and stocks having got into a few hands profitable business followed. The market closes firm at 4s, and advance of 9d on opening rates. Importations of cornsacks, although considerably smaller than during the year 1894, have been more than sufficient for the requirements of the drought-stricken harvest. In the face of increased cost in Calcutta, however, importers are loth to accept reduced rates. Shipments to date, including the Fazilka, for the various colonies compare with those of the corresponding period of 1894 as follows:—

		S. Aust.	Vict.	N.S.W.	Q'land.	Total.
Woolpacks	'95	5,501	8,542	15,848	277	39,768
	'94	5,066	8,749	21,488	628	43,807
Cornsacks	'95	21,511	11,498	7,141	20	40,170
	'94	8,496	26,003	12,979	180	47,658
Branbags	'95	1,996	1,550	800	...	4,346
	'94	1,983	5,297	1,715	60	8,955

Kerosene opened low, the market having been fairly well supplied at the close of 1894, although compared with to-day's figures the bonded stocks of 31,160 cases appear light. Towards the approach of winter, as is usually the case, purchases became on a more extensive scale than for the last few months of the year. Some very heavy shipments, however, having come to hand, business later on fell off considerably. As time crept on and the duties were not settled, stocks began to accumulate and become somewhat concentrated, one holder controlling about half the bonded stocks which the latest returns state at 56,110 cases. For some months now this state of things has existed, and although a series of advances have taken place in New York and the bulk of the oil has been virtually taken off the market at present prices, still no great improvement can be chronicled. Now that it is definitely decided that the duty will not be interfered with until July next, when a reduction of from 6d to 3d per gallon will take place, holders hope for some improvement. Shipments coming forward are certainly more moderate than they had been, and thus a substantial reduction in bonded stocks can be looked for. Already the figures are less than they were some little time back. The total shipments of kerosene from New York to Sydney up to the date of last mail advices and for the four preceding years, together with the approximate consumption and the bonded stocks at the end of the year, are as follows:—

Year.	Shipments to Sydney.	Consumption.	Bonded Stocks on 31st December.
1891	259,175	170,000	44,694
1892	278,284	181,000	19,553
1893	307,961	188,000	36,028
1894	407,217	233,540	32,100
1895	*257,430	†210,000	56,110

*Including British Peer and Lord Canning. †Estimate.

Castor has shown only slight variations; but owing to a scarcity of the nut China oil sustained a steady advance some months back, since which time a slight relapse has occurred. Nothing can be said of linseed, except that prices have been remarkably even, only fluctuating to the extent of a penny or so either way.

Chemicals were without much alteration until in October, when a series of advances occurred in London, which caused a flutter of excitement here and strong speculative activity. Since then the market has eased a little, but the relapse has not been to the full extent of the rise. Cream of tartar and tartaric acid were most affected, the shortage of the vintage on the Continent being chiefly responsible.

Scarcely a year passes by but that some new article is added to our list of exports. The feature of 1895 has undoubtedly been the rapid advance that has been made in the export of New South Wales hardwood to London and the Continent. During the coming year still more is likely to be done. While the quantity shipped previous to 1895 was practically nil, during that year over 2,000,000ft. were forwarded to London. The Harvest Queen and the Stracathero took the greater portion of this timber, the former being the largest vessel that has ever left this port timber-laden, both ships being consigned by Messrs. Scott, Sibbald, and Co. If this industry is to grow and assume proportions of national importance, sawmillers will need to pay the greatest attention to several things. First, prices must be sufficiently low to enable them to compete with jarrah and karri from Western Australia, and oak from America. The English being a conservative market, these already well-known timbers will receive the preference, unless the difference in cost induces consumers to give our tallow-wood, black-butt, and mahogany a trial. Nothing but first-class timber should be sent, which is well and truly sawn and free from gum veins and shakes, heart and sap. Next year constant employment will be given to a large number of men to complete orders already received. To show of what insignificant proportions the timber trade has so far been, the following figures, showing the total revenue received from licenses and royalties during the years mentioned, may be of interest:—

Year.	Licenses.	Royalties.	Total.
	£	£	£
1890	7441	7276	14,717
1891	8555	7530	16,085
1892	7654	7808	15,462
1893	5302	4208	9,510
1894	3709	2848	6,557

It will thus be seen that there has been a steady decline since 1891, amounting in 1894 to over 75 per cent. The figures for 1895, however, should tell a different tale, and a further large increase is already assured for 1896.

Current quotations for wool are as follow:—

Description.	Superior. d. to d.	Good. d. to d.	Medium. d. to d.	Inferior. d. to d.
Greasy fleece	8½ to 13½	7½ to 8½	6½ to 7½	5 to 6½
Greasy lambs	7 to 9½	6 to 6½	5 to 5½	3½ to 4½
Greasy pieces	7½ to 8	6 to 7	4½ to 5	3½ to 4½
Greasy bellies	5½ to 8½	4½ to 5½	3½ to 4½	2 to 3½
Greasy crossb.	8½ to 10	7½ to 8	6 to 7½	5 to 6
Scoured fleece	15 to 18½	13 to 14	11½ to 12	10 to 11½
Scoured pieces	12 to 13½	11 to 11½	9½ to 10	7½ to 9½
Scoured bellies	11 to 12½	10 to 10½	9 to 9½	7½ to 8½
Scoured locks	8 to 9	7 to 7½	6 to 6½	5 to 5½
Washed fleece	9 to 10	7½ to 8½	6½ to 7½	5½ to 6

At the end of 1894 the quotations were:—

Description.	Superior. d. to d.	Good. d. to d.	Medium. d. to d.	Inferior. d. to d.
Greasy fleece	7½ to 9	6½ to 7	5 to 6	3½ to 4½
Greasy lambs	6 to 9	5 to 5¾	4 to 4½	2 to 3½
Greasy pieces	5½ to 7	5 to 5½	3½ to 4½	2½ to 3½
Greasy bellies	4½ to 5½	3 to 4	2½ to 2½	1½ to 2
Greasy crossb.	6½ to 8	6 to 6½	5 to 5½	4 to 4½
Washed fleece	9½ to 10	8 to 9	7 to 7½	6 to 6½
Scoured fleece	12½ to 14½	11 to 12½	9 to 10½	8 to 8½
Scoured pieces	10 to 11	9 to 9½	7½ to 8	6 to 7½
Scoured bellies	9 to 10	7 to 8	6 to 6½	4 to 5½
Scoured locks	6 to 7	5 to 5½	4½ to 4½	3 to 4

The following table shows the offerings and sales of wool in Sydney from 1st July to 30th December for the past 11 wool seasons:—

Season.	Offered. Bales.	Sold. Bales.	Percentage Sold.
1895-96	336,940	304,613	90·4
1894-95	335,248	270,675	80·5
1893-94	323,041	274,854	85·8
1892-93	267,928	237,572	88·6
1891-92	193,846	139,282	71·8
1890-91	152,778	101,826	66·6
1889-90	175,853	156,790	89·2
1888-89	197,451	149,083	75·4
1887-88	148,921	106,800	71·3
1886-87	121,194	80,381	66·1
1885-86	113,061	71,060	62·8

The percentage of wool sold will thus be seen to have been heavier during the past year than during any one of the past 10 years, although, owing no doubt to the shortness in the clip, the increase in the quantity offered is not proportionate with that of former years.

The following comparative statement of the exports for the first half of the 11 preceding wool seasons from Sydney and Newcastle will also probably be of interest at this juncture:—

Season.	Bales.
1895-96, from 1st July to 30th December	447,052
1894-5, " " "	442,030
1893-4, " " "	451,687
1892-3, " " "	387,033
1891-2, " " "	320,397
1890-1, " " "	251,319
1889-90, " " "	309,412
1888-9, " " "	308,620
1887-8, " " "	234,853
1886-7, " " "	164,237
1885-6, " " "	210,901

The exports of wool for the season ended 30th June in the four principal colonies were as follow:—

—	1890-1.	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
N. S. Wales	566,465	613,829	637,874	720,676	761,706
Victoria	419,969	462,869	452,552	464,962	484,758
South Austr'lia	155,636	165,375	148,654	172,562	173,189
Queensland	121,659	183,011	189,552	139,026	146,998
	1263,729	1425,024	1428,632	1497,016	1566,646

The figures for each colony enumerated show increases, but New South Wales more than holds her own, the percentage of increase in this case being 5·6, as against 4·3 in Victoria.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

During the past 12 months there was an active business in the produce trade, and prices of all descriptions of forage and grain lines during the last six months were uniformly higher than in the preceding year. The scarcity of natural herbage throughout the colony caused by the dry weather was no doubt responsible for the heavy demand for all cultivated produce offered in our markets.

FEED-GRAINS AND MILL OFFAL.

Maize.—The price of maize during the first three months of the year was unprecedentedly low, the ruling quotation for river grain for two months being 1s 6d per bushel. It began to improve in April, and in the middle of June 2s 9d was reached. Heavy shipments then came forward from the Northern rivers and depressed the market, and in August prices lowered again to 2s 1d. Since then, however, values have steadily advanced, and in December the highest price for the year, 3s 8d, was the market rate. Large quantities of inland maize began to arrive in December from the country, and weakened the market. The total yield of the colony owing to dry weather and floods is much lighter than in the previous year. The quantity of maize received from inland districts shows a very heavy increase as compared with the returns for last year.

Oats.—Owing to the extreme cheapness of maize, the price of oats was 1d to 7d per bushel lower during the first six months of the year than in the same period of 1894. When it became known that the crops in New Zealand showed an estimated decrease of nearly 2,000,000 bushels on a yield of 12,000,000 bushels the market became excited both in New Zealand and here, the result being that values began to rise steadily, and in November 2s 11d was the ruling figure. The uncertainty of the tariff greatly interfered with importations, and when it was definitely decided that the remission should take place on the 1st January next prices began to recede.

Bran and Pollard.—Both these items were uniformly high this year, being 4d higher than in 1894. The improved prices were caused through the continued dry weather which prevailed throughout the colony. Prices opened at about 7½d, and next month 6½d was the ruling figure. In March prices fell to 6½d, which is abnormally low, and remained at that figure until April, when they advanced to 8½d, and by June 12d was obtained. A slight reaction set in, bran being the dearer of the two. In September further rises began to take place, and in November 13d for bran and 13½d for pollard were the highest prices reached for the 12 months. As usual, prices began to recede as the end of December approached.

The subjoined table shows average values of mill offal and the chief feed-grains during the past 12 months:—

Month.	Bran.	Pollard.	Maize.	Oats.
January	7½d	7½d	1s 10d	2s 0d
February	6½d	6½d	1s 6d	1s 11d
March	6½d	6½d	1s 6d	1s 11d
April	8½d	8½d	2s 0d	1s 10d
May	8½d	8½d	2s 3d	1s 9d
June	12d	12d	2s 3d	2s 3d
July	6½d	8½d to 9d	2s 6d	2s 4d
August	10d	9½d	2s 2d	2s 3d
September	10½d	9½d	2s 5d	2s 6d
October	12d	12d	2s 9d	2s 7d
November	13d	13½d	3s 6d	2s 11d
December	10d	11d	3s 3d	2s 9d

FORAGE MARKET.

The importation of Victorian chaff during the year showed a heavy increase. The figures for the past 12 months were 851,391 bags, as compared with 672,861 bags for the previous year. This increase has provided for the deficiency in local deliveries by rail. The decrease in the quantity received by rail is about 1352 trucks. For the first five months of the year the price was the same as in the corresponding period last year. In June prices began to improve owing to the scarcity of the local article. In November they reached 6s per cwt. During the last seven months of the year they were 3d to 2s per cwt. higher than during the same period last year.

Lucerne.—The prices current for lucerne hay for the first four months of the year were very low in comparison with those for the same period of the previous year. The dry weather, together with the extra demand for lucerne in connection with the live cattle trade, was to a great extent accountable for the high prices ruling during the remainder of the year. In September lucerne was exceedingly scarce, and as much as £7 per ton was realised. The crops on the Hunter suffered slightly from floods, but nevertheless the season otherwise has been a good one in that locality.

Straw.—Straw was plentiful when the year opened and prices were abnormally low, being 1s 10d per cwt. in March. Next month values advanced, and kept rising until June. The local article since then has been scarce, and good quantities have arrived from Tasmania. Prices from June were dearer each month, and in December £4 per ton was realised for both bundled and derrick-pressed straw.

The appended table gives a general idea of the current prices for prime produce during the year:—

Month.	Chaff.	Oaten Hay.	Lucerne.	Straw.
January	3s 9d	3s 9d	2s 3d	2s 4d
February	3s 3d	4s 0d	2s 9d	2s 0d
March	3s 9d	3s 6d	2s 6d	1s 10d
April	4s 0d	4s 6d	3s 3d	2s 3d
May	4s 0d	6s 0d	3s 9d	2s 9d
June	4s 6d	5s 0d	4s 6d	3s 3d
July	4s 3d	5s 6d	4s 0d	2s 6d
August	4s 6d	6s 0d	5s 3d	2s 4d
September	4s 9d	6s 6d	7s 0d	3s 0d
October	4s 9d	5s 6d	3s 9d	3s 0d
November	6s 0d	6s 0d	3s 3d	3s 6d
December	5s 0d	6s 9d	2s 10d	4s 0d

POTATO MARKET.

On the 1st January Hunter River redskins sold at £3 and reached £3 10s before the month was finished. After that prices receded, and before the end of February they went out of consumption, owing to the arrival of Circulars. The agricultural statistics published on the 13th June last showed that the year's potato crop was the heaviest yet produced in Tasmania, being 90,810 tons, or an estimated increase of 14,041 tons on last year. The quantity received at Sydney this year from Tasmania is approximately 480,000 bags, against 253,000 for the previous year, showing an increase of 227,000 bags. The local deliveries by rail show a decrease of about 6500 tons on the quantity received last year. The prices throughout the year have been low, the reason being that the market was heavily stocked with Circulars. The dry weather experienced throughout the country was responsible for the heavy decrease in local deliveries. On the 4th February the first shipment of Circulars arrived. The tuber was of an excellent sample, and realised to £4 per ton. The next consignment brought £4 10s, the highest price for the year. From March until September prices were exceedingly low, owing to the market being depressed by heavy shipments each week. Prices advanced to £4 in November, and when the new potatoes came in Circulars were hard to sell at almost any price. New Clarence River Circulars and Hunter River potatoes arrived in November, and brought the high price of £7 to £10, but when better supplies arrived prices receded to £6 per ton.

BUTTER.

The present season has been quite the reverse of the previous one. During the first three months of the year supplies were plentiful, and prices ruled exceedingly low. After April the dry weather was greatly against dairying, the result being that supplies fell off considerably, and prices advanced to high figures. In fact, so scarce has been the local article that large quantities of butter have been imported from Victoria, Adelaide, and New Zealand. The export trade has been almost neglected, although some enterprising firms have sent forward to London small shipments, so as to keep their best brands of butter before the English consumers. The average price of best butter in January was 6d to 8d; February, 5d to 6d; March, 5½d to 6½d; April, 9d to 9½d; May, 9d to 9½d; June, 15d to 15½d; July, 14½d; August, 15d; September, 13d to 13½d; October, 12d to 12½d; November, 11d to 12d; and December, 12d to 12½d per lb.

PRODUCE RECEIVED AT REDFERN.

The following is a return of the produce received for sale by rail at Redfern for the year ended 31st December, together with the figures for the corresponding period last year:—

—	Hay.	Straw	Chaff.	Potatoes.	P'mpkins.	Melons.	Barley.
	Tr'ks.	Tr'ks.	Tr'ks.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1895	2997	1137	5226	2572	1248	256	242
1894	3474	1501	6647	9904	1202	330	43

—	Bran.	Pollard.	Flour.	Oats.	Whe't	Maize	Turnips.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1895	1333	804	278	701	1569	6383	102
1894	1599	546	184	1471	1295	2104	261

PRODUCE BY RAIL.

The following quantities of the lines of produce indicated came forward at Redfern and Darling Harbour as compiled from the weekly returns of the Railway Department:—

—	Hay.	Straw	Chaff.	P'toes	Maize	Bran.	Pol'd.
	Tr'ks.	Tr'ks.	Tr'ks.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1895	3290	1295	5489	2872	8807	6412	2968
1894	3364	1537	6756	9450	2688	6461	2892

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 31.

Helen, three-masted schooner, 408 tons, Captain Oscar Sorensen, from Capetown 6th November. Justus Scharff, agent.

Elamang (s.), 946 tons, Captain D. Calder, from Fiji, via Norfolk Island. Passengers—Mrs. G. J. Waterhouse, Messrs. R. S. Waterhouse, A. Waterhouse, J. Robinson, T. R. Isely, T. Walker, T. Payten, G. Middlemiss, and Master G. Waterhouse. Burns, Philp, and Company, Limited, agents.

Glenlui, ship, 1847 tons, Captain G. C. R. Taylor, from Liverpool 4th September. Dalton Brother, agents.

Rosedale (s.), 274 tons, Captain L. Paulson, from Bellinger River and Port Macquarie. Passengers—Messrs. Bennett, Green, Ellis, Glynne, Maxwell, Kimmins, Cavanagh, Grace, Capp, M'Kenzie, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Davis and family, Misses Caruthers, Cornell, Stapleton, Bruce, Wilshire, and 5 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Sonoma, barque, 1010 tons, Captain W. Landgreen, from Port Townsend 5th October. Dayies and Fehon, agents.

Guthrie (s.), 2338 tons, Captain W. G. M'Arthur, from Hongkong. Passengers—From Kobe for Sydney: Mrs. Russell Nolan, Mr. A. L. Silly. From Hongkong: Mr. W. Tatley, Miss E. Tatley, Messrs. D. E. M'Connell, James Seddon. From Port Darwin: Mr. J. Cleland. From Thursday Island: Captain Darke, Mr. John Mannah. From Townsville: Mr. Meyens. From Kobe for Melbourne: Mrs. Hamilton, Miss M'Kay. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Allowrie (s.), 507 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Bateman's Bay, via Ulladulla. Passengers—Mesdames Morris, Avon, Springall, Misses Flanaghan (2), Morris, Brown, Hanson, Messrs. Woodruff, Rose, Blackston, Hamon, Avon, Curtis, Fitzgerald, Johnson, Master Springall. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Murray (s.), 144 tons, Captain J. Aubin, from Moruya and Wagonga. John Aubin, agent.

Namoi (s.), 1414 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Wollumbin (s.), 221 tons, Captain J. Colvin, from Tweed and Byron Bay, via Newcastle. Geo. W. Nicoll, agent.

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Ovalau (s.), 1229 tons, Captain N. Beaumont, from Newcastle, en route to the Islands. F. W. Jackson, agent.

DEPARTURES.—December 31.

Waroonga (s.), for Western Australia, via ports.
Adelaide (s.), for Western Australia, via ports.
Arawatta (s.), for Queensland ports.
Prince Edward, ship, for London.
Port Jackson, four-masted barque, for London, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURE.—January 1.

Newcastle (s.), for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—December 31.

Prince Edward, ship, 2170 tons, Captain H. H. Pauls, for London.

Eskdale (s.), 2896 tons, Captain A. Gogan, for Fremantle, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Adelaide (s.), 1711 tons, Captain T. W. Lockyer, for Western Australia, via Melbourne, Adelaide, and Gulf ports. Passengers—Misses Cohen, Weeks, Robinson, Miss and Master Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, Miss E. Magee, Miss A. O. Keefe, Mrs. Dickens, Miss Hardy, Miss M. Condon, Miss Leaney, Mr. B. Baldy, Mr. J. S. Lean, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heskett, Messrs. E. Forsyth, W. H. Kells, L. B. Trewitt, E. H. Hollingworth, W. Hext, Dickens, Juteon, F. H. Edgar, A. E. Arbiaster, Masters Palmer (2), Messrs. F. Vines, Rev. Mr. Cullwick, J. Roberts, W. Watson, F. Wookey, J. U. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. M. D. Hales, Messrs. M. and E. Leaney, J. Wilson, J. Pearce, G. L. Simpson, W. R. Bayley, Miss A. Bennett, Mr. and Miss Hogg, Miss G. Boyne, Messrs. R. Walsh, Upton, Hardy, J. Jackson, S. Roach, Goodsell, Adams, Master Long, Mrs. Stephens and child, Miss John, Miss M'Innis, Messrs. J. B. Ogilvie, A. D. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. M'Callum, Mr. P. E. Johnstone, Mr. F. Carson, Misses Robinson, Mrs. R. Tate and family, Miss Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Goulding, Mrs. Carr and family, Messrs. W. Powell, Horsban, E. Mercer, J. Brooks, George M'Kenzie, J. Ballantine, J. Leonard, Barker, H. Blackwood, J. Nelson, Miss Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Taylor, Mr. B. C. Christie, Mrs. Warwick and 2 children, Misses Hammond (3), Mrs. Cunningham, Messrs. A. and S. Hammond, W. Sharp, P. Sparling, W. Robinson, Cunningham, J. and G. Hunter, J. and W. Riley, C. J. Banks, J. Golding, H. Backhouse, F. Burn, J. Murray, L. Roberts, D. Mason, R. Haywood, Evans, Miss Winnie Yuill, Miss May Thornhill, Mr. William Bowers, and 206 in the steerage.

Waroonga (s.), 2513 tons, Captain J. B. S. Medley, for Geraldton, W.A., via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Bourke, W. G. Brown and 2 children, M'Taggart, Alexander Watson, Sexton, Boer, J. W. Elsbury and child, Collins, Handy, Misses Lathan, M'Taggart, M'Taggart, M'Dermed, Davies, N. M'Dermed, Gleeson, Bryan, Hogg, Bennett, Montague, Hamilton, Hamilton, Le Compte, Dr. Hepworth, Messrs. J. W. Elsbury, W. Price, J. G. Selly, R. H. Rathbone, G. D. Payne, G. H. Hopkins, H. L. Edwards, F. W. Bainbridge, J. Edwards, T. W. Jackson, Dean, J. Thompson, A. W. Rogers, Alexander Watson, M'Kinde, H. E. Bean, Kearns, Hepworth, J. Dart, H. J. Dart, T. Osborne, John Johns, B. C. Phillips, Harry Perry, J. J. North, J. Kennedy, G. Gull, R. M. Cuthbertson, E. V. Bevan, F. A. Powell, M. G. Salmon, R. Bernade, R. S. Lemmon, A. C. Evans, T. Mann, C. E. G. Mussmann, B. Bryant, M. Bryant, John Buckley, W. Baitland, W. Hutchings, D. Hanwell, R. Sharkey, M. Sexton, T. Petty, F. J. Beer, P. J. O'Connor, Master Sexton, and 220 in the second cabin.

Arawatta (s.), 2114 tons, Captain Francis Lee, for Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Mitchell, N. R. Eden, J. F. Barnett, Watt, Williams, Higgins, J. Pride, Maslin, A. C. Burrell, Misses Robb, Brandon, Eden, Challinor, Isabel Fergus, Morrow, Mayfield, Brewster, Messrs. Arthur Pride, Edward Sanders, Joseph Tweddle, jun., Joseph Tweddle, sen., John Tweddie, O. Morris, J. M'Crossan, Cunning, J. C. Taylor, A. Qualborough, C. Wallsball, A. Watt, M. M. Jeffers, W. Kunnell, Irvin, T. W. Craven, H. Tellermann, F. Mitchell, M. Kintel, T. A. Jones, J. G. Maloney, W. Heath, D. R. Eden, M. B. Thompson, Hawkins, J. Fraser, Maslin, A. C. Burrell, J. T. Kershaw, W. H. Corfield, Wilson, Jamieson, F. Mitchell, F. W. Crane, C. J. Pound, R. Stewart, J. Arthur, J. E. Lewis, W. B. Young, J. Hassall, Mitchell, Jas. Dacey, J. Millikin, Alex. Morgan, E. E. Holt, Cameron, J. De Reeve, Dr. A. R. Bencon, Sergeant Higgins, Rev. O'Gallagher, Rev. R. A. Roberts, and 46 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—December 31.

Countess of Errol, schooner, Captain J. Jenkins, for Wollongong; Willinga, schooner, Captain A. Craighead, for Bateman's Bay; Bonnie Dundee, schooner, Captain G. L. Gittens, for Borley Point.

IMPORTS.—December 31.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Elamang (s.), from Fiji, via Norfolk Island: 2601 bags chrome ore, 88 bags cocoanuts, 60 bunches? cases bananas, 16 bags beche-de-mer, 2 cases pearlshell, and a quantity of sundries.

Allowrie (s.), from Bateman's Bay, via Ulladulla: 47 kegs butter, 40 cans cream, 15 bags bark, 24 bags oysters, 12 cases poultry, 17 cases eggs, 3 cases fish, 24 pigs, 1 calf, and sundries.

Rosedale (s.), from Bellinger River: 588 bags maize, 12 bags oysters, 2 bags peas, 12 cases eggs, 8 coops poultry, 3 hides, 19 kegs butter, 3 cans cream, 14 pigs.

Glenlui, ship, from Liverpool: 5385 cases tinplates, 616 reels wire netting, 3890 bundles hoop iron, 64 packages earthenware, 40 bundles galvanised iron, 950 cases beer, 44 bales cotton waste, 30 barrels silicate soda, 12 cases gunpowder, 125 kegs sulph. copper, 164 casks alkali, 50 kegs bi-carbonate soda, 40 drums caustic soda, 153 barrels 100 kegs 1, 850 sacks 220 bags 500 packages 100 cases salt, 375 cases bottled ale, 4 coils cordage, 35 frames felt, 20 tierces tobacco, 111,000 red slates, 40 kegs 8 casks soda ash, 400 tons rock salt, 1275 cases stout, 31 drums extract of soap, 2 packages hollowware, 14 packages ironware, 280 cases whisky, 42 cases mangles, 311 bundles hoops, 40 kegs alum, 1135 bars 199 bundles 142 sheets iron, 1000 sacks bessians, 160 kegs chloride of potash, 19 bales paper, 118 kegs bicarb, 20 drums carb. soda, 11 cases stationery, 30 sacks malt, 85 bales paperhangings, 5 coils 3 cases wire rope, 100 cases bathbricks, 50 barrels whiting, and sundries.

Sonoma, barque, from Port Townsend: 618,615ft. 25,698ft. dressed timber, 2270 bundles laths, 11,000 bundles staves.

Guthrie (s.), from Hongkong: 13,252 bags rice, 1430 packages tea, 205 cases oil, 38 cases cigars, 9 packages pith, 33 coils rope, 164 packages chairs, 78 bundles blinds, 105 bags seeds, 98 packages curios, 37 bags oranges, 80 packages paper, 8 cases silk, 18 casks asbestos, 18 boxes fans, 70 rolls matting, 30 bags copra, 189 hides, 3 cases silk handkerchiefs, 2984 packages merchandise, and sundries, also quantity transhipment cargo.

Ex s.s. Orizaba: 2 cases felt hats, 17 cases general mercery, 12 cases straw hats. Ex s.s. Oceana: 16 cases general mercery, 3 cases straw hats. Ex s.s. Oroya: 6 cases general mercery, 1 case straw hats. Ex s.s. Prinz Reg. Luitpold: 4 cases hats. Ex s.s. Parramatta: 19 cases general mercery. Ex s.s. Orient: 10 cases felt hats, 88 cases general mercery—142. Ex Bonded Warehouse: 145 cases hats and mercery. Total: 288 cases hats and mercery—David Storey and Co., 81 York-street, Sydney; and at Manchester, England.

EXPORTS.—December 31.

Prince Edward, ship, for London: 3521 bales wool, 1348 casks tallow, 1500 cases meats, 282 casks oleine, 6650 sulphide ore, 1642 pieces hardwood, 494 tons copra, 12 drums glycerine, 107 bags shank bones.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

YAMBA.—Arrival: December 31, Thetis (s.), from Trial Bay.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 31, German mail steamer Prinz-Regent Luitpold at 11.10 a.m., R.M.S. Oroya at noon, west; Wendouree (s.) at 4.45 p.m., Cloncurry (s.) at 6 p.m., north.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: December 31, Beeswing (s.), from Kembla; Pateena (s.), from Launceston. Departures: December 31, Australia, R.M.S., for Sydney; Auriga, barque, for Newcastle; Glenelg (s.), for Strahan; Fazilka (s.), for Bombay; Manapouri (s.), for Bluff; Australien (s.), for Marseilles; Peregrine (s.), for Sydney; Era (s.), for Adelaide; Barcoo (s.), for Fremantle.

ADELAIDE.—Departures: December 31, Marloo (s.), for Fremantle; Gabo (s.), for Albany; Ciatra (s.), for Melbourne; Rockton (s.), for Albany.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: December 31, Port Stephens (s.), from Albany. Departures: December 31, Cumbermere, ship, for Newcastle; Craigiee (s.), for Sydney, via Wallaroo, with 805 tons lead, 90 tons flour, and 109 tons chaff.

PORT AUGUSTA.—Departure: December 31, Time (s.), for Eastern ports, with 4040 bags wheat for Sydney.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS.—Passed: December 31, large iron barque, at 1.10 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: December 31, Thetis (s.) at 5 a.m.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: December 31, Burrawong (s.) at 7.15 a.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departure: December 31, Triumph, ketch, at 7 a.m. Arrival: December 31, Bellbird, ketch, at 4 p.m.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: December 31, Coral, ketch, at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney; Billie Barlow (s.) at 5.25 p.m., from Sydney.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: December 31, Electra (s.) at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departures: December 31, Isabel, schooner, and Gosford (s.) at 6 a.m.; Active, ketch, at 11 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: December 31, Macleay (s.) at 3.30 p.m., and Augusta (s.) at 4.40 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Departure: December 31, Thelma, yacht, at 6 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: December 31, schooner at 6 a.m., north; Sarah Fenwick (s.) at 6.30 a.m., Rosedale (s.) at 7.25 a.m., Gosford (s.) at 1.10 p.m., all south.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arrival: December 31, Illaroo (s.) at 4.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 31, Illaroo (s.) at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: December 31, Hawkesbury (s.) at 9.40 a.m., Kate (s.) at 10 a.m., Midget (s.) at 11.30 a.m. Departures: December 30, Louisa Lamont, schooner, at 7 p.m. December 31, Era, yacht, at 11.30 a.m., Kate (s.) at 2 p.m., Midget at 4 p.m., Kingsley at 6.20 p.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: December 31, Currajong (s.) at 8.30 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: December 31, Palmerston (s.) at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney; Captain Cook (s.) at noon, from Sydney; Aldinga at 5.40 p.m. Departures: December 31, Palmerston (s.) at 4.15 p.m., for Sydney; Captain Cook at 6 p.m.

JERVIS BAY.—December 31, Alice Templeton, ketch, still at anchor in bay. Passed: December 31, Alagonia (s.) at 2.30 p.m., north.

BERMAGUI SOUTH.—Departure: December 31, Bega (s.) at 10.30 a.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: December 31, Liddesdale (s.) at 9.30 a.m., north; Wendouree at 7 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 31, Prinz Regent Luitpold, G.M.S., at 11.10 a.m.; Oroya, R.M.S., at noon, west; Wendouree (s.) at 4 p.m., north; Konoowarra (s.) at 7 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: December 30, Queenscliff (s.) at 10.45 p.m. December 31, Maitland (s.) at 6.30 a.m. Passed outward: December 31, Karawarra (s.) at 1.40 a.m., Lindus (s.) at 6.40 a.m., Easby (s.) at 12.30 p.m.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: December 31, Coogee (s.) at 7.45 a.m., from Melbourne.

PORTLAND (VIC.).—Arrival: December 31, Port Hunter (s.) at 1.30 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 30, Dawn (s.) at 10 p.m., for Port M'Donnell.

ALBANY.—Departure: December 30, Nemesis (s.), for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE.—Arrival: December 30, Innamincka (s.), from Adelaide. Departure: December 30, Bullarra (s.), for Adelaide.

[PER FAVOUR OF THE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.]

LONDON, December 30.

Arrived from Sydney: Argonaut, ship, sailed 12th October; Damascus (s.), sailed 20th October, via Melbourne 7th November; Port Elliott (s.), sailed 23rd October, via Geelong 29th October, Melbourne 2nd November, and Adelaide 9th November.

Arrived from Wellington: Aotea (s.), sailed 9th November.

Arrived from Bluff Harbour: Hawke's Bay (s.), sailed 1st November.

Arrived from Fremantle: Savoia, ship, sailed 17th July.

Arrived at Dunkirk from Sydney: Ettrickdale (s.), sailed 18th October, via Melbourne 25th October and Adelaide 1st November.

THE ANDORA.—SALVAGE CLAIM.

The Andora, ship, 1597 tons, of Liverpool, bound from Glasgow to Brisbane, has been towed into Warren Point in a damaged condition. A sum of £8000 has been claimed for salvage.

(For Continuation of Shipping see Page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average annual rainfall for 36 years, 50·560.

Average for 37 years from 1st January to 31st December, 50·054.

Total rainfall from 1st January, 1895, to 31st December, 31·886.

Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m., 29·956.

Temperature.—Maximum, 71°; minimum, 59°.

Humidity, 9 a.m. ·63, 3 p.m. ·67.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Esperance Bay, 30·19; Eucla, 30·08; Streaky Bay, 30·04; Adelaide, 30·09; Robe, 30·07; Portland, 30·03; Melbourne, 30·05; Wilson's Promontory, 29·94; Gabo Island, 29·89; Cape St. George, 29·94; Sydney, 29·96; Newcastle, 29·90; Port Macquarie, 29·95; Clarence Heads, 29·95; Brisbane, 29·90; Rockhampton, 29·89; Mackay, 29·85; Cooktown, 29·83.

SYNOPSIS ISSUED AT 9 A.M. BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Fine, clear, and warmer generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy at places on the coast, fine inland.
South Australia.—Generally fine and clear, but in the south-east fine but cloudy.
Queensland.—Cloudy on parts of the coast, otherwise fine and clear generally.
Central and Northern Australia.—Fine in central, cloudy in northern parts.
Tasmania.—Cloudy in most places.
New Zealand.—Fine and clear in north and central parts, dull in the south.
Western Australia.—Fine on the south coast.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy generally.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate, with thunderstorms, chiefly in north-eastern districts. Armidale, 0·77; Bowral, 0·01; Bundarra, 0·67; Camden Haven, 0·10; Cape George, 0·10; Casino, 0·20; Clarence, 0·24; Coonabarabran, 0·07; Glen Innes, 0·18; Grafton, 0·25; Lismore, 0·91; Maitland, 0·04; Manning Heads, 0·12; Mount Victoria, 0·02; Murrurundi, 0·15; Newcastle, 0·10; Port Stephens, 0·23; Sydney, 0·02; Tabulam, 0·88; Taree, 0·08; Tenterfield, 0·54; Uralla, 0·10; Walcha, 0·21; Warialda, 0·02.

Queensland.—Light to heavy, with thunderstorms in eastern half generally. Bowen, 1·58; Brisbane, 2·17; Cape Moreton, 0·90; Charleville, 0·74; Croydon, 0·22; Dalby, 0·67; Gayndah, 0·42; Gilbert Town, 0·15; Gladstone, 0·13; Goondiwindi, 0·02; Mackay, 1·10; Maryborough, 1·20; Nebo, 1·23; Rockhampton, 0·70; Springsure, 0·90; Stanthorpe, 0·36; Toowoomba, 1·73; Warwick, 0·30.

Northern Territory.—Light to moderate up to 0·98 at Daly Waters.

South Australia.—Daly Waters, 0·98; Port Darwin, 0·08.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 1ft. 4in.; Balranald, 1ft. 2in.; Bingara, 2ft. 9in., falling; Bourke, 7ft., rising; Brewarrina, 5ft., rising; Euabalong, 1ft. 1in., falling; Euston, 9ft. 11in.; Forbes, 2ft. 2in.; Goodooga, 1ft., falling; Gundagai, 2ft. 10in., falling; Hay, 1ft. 2in.; Hillston, 3ft. 2in.; Louth, 5ft., rising; Manilla, low; Menindie, 4ft.; Mogil Mogil, 8ft. 2in., falling; Mungindi, 9ft. 9in.; Pooncarie, 4ft. 4in.; Tilpa, 4ft. 9in., rising; Tocumwal, 3ft. 1in.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft. 9in.; Wentworth, 8ft. 7in.; Wilcannia, 8ft. 8in., rising; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 16ft., falling; Namoi River at Walgett, 11ft. 6in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Bourke, S., fine, 91°; Eden, S.S.E., fine, 74·0; Newcastle, S.E., fine, 71; Forbes, S.W., fine, 78°; Wentworth, W., fine, 80°; Dubbo, S.W., fine, 79°; Sydney, E., fine, 74°; Goulburn, W., fine, 73°; Deniliquin, S.S.W., fine, 81°; Wilcannia, S., fine, 83°.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E., fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S.S.E., fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.S.E., fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, dull, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, E., fresh, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., light, fine, smooth; South Head, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S.S.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, calm, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, S.W., light, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECAST ISSUED AT 4 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light variable winds, chiefly from N.E. to S.E. on the coast; weather fine and warm.—H. C. Russell.

Victoria.—Generally fine, with light variable winds, chiefly southerly; smooth or moderate sea.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine, bright, and moderately warm weather, with sea breezes on the coast; hot inland, smooth sea.—C. Todd.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANA, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

Western Australia.—Fine with clouds in the south, and rain in connection with thunderstorms in the far north.
Northern Territory.—Cloudy; more rain of a showery nature with thunderstorms.
South Australia.—Fine over the province with scattered clouds; some showers in the far south and south-east.
Queensland.—Many stations in the peninsular and eastern districts will experience further rain in connection with thunderstorms; elsewhere the weather will be fair or fine with high temperatures.
New South Wales.—Fine inland; cloudy with yet more rain in the east; fresh to strong winds.
Victoria.—Fine generally, with some clouds, isolated showers, and patches of rough sea.
New Zealand.—Cloudy and squally to showery.
New Caledonia.—Cloudy and showery; strong winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 1.

Sun rises at 4.49, sets at 7.8; Moon, 8.1 p.m., 4.24 p.m.; Mercury, 5.14 a.m., 7.42 p.m.; Venus, 2.4 a.m., 5.40 p.m.; Mars, 2.57 a.m., 5.11 p.m.; Jupiter, 8.42 p.m., 6.38 a.m.; Saturn, 1.28 a.m., 2.53 p.m.

New Moon, 16th; Full Moon, 30th.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.31 a.m., 8.52 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 9 a.m.
VICTORIA, 9 a.m.
QUEENSLAND, 9 a.m.
VALPARAISO, 9 a.m.
LAUNCESTON and HOBART, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY.

MERIMBULA and EDEN, 11 a.m.
MONTAGUE ISLAND, noon.
PORT MACQUARIE and NAMBUCCA RIVER, 3 p.m.
LAUNCESTON and HOBART, 4 p.m.
AUCKLAND, &c., N.Z., 4 p.m.
TAHITI and RARATONGA, 4 p.m.
MACLEAY RIVER, 9 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1896.

At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday six months' leave of absence was granted to Mr. Justice Windeyer, whose health has broken down.

It is currently reported that it is not the intention of Sir William Windeyer, at the expiration of his leave, to resume his place on the Supreme Court bench.

Yesterday the Government decided that it was necessary to secure the services of an expert in land and income taxes management, and the position of third commissioner for the Land and Income Tax Department will therefore be offered to Mr. Spiller, the Deputy Commissioner for Taxes in South Australia.

A matter which engaged the attention of the Cabinet some time yesterday was the case of the condemned man Sheridan, and it was decided that the law should take its course.

Wednesday, 5th February, has been fixed as the date for holding the Mining Conference in Sydney.

One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six was ushered in with the customary rejoicings. There were "watchnight" services at many of the city churches.

CADBURY'S COCOA.
A stimulating and sustaining cup—made instantly.—[ADVT.]

Mr. H. M. Stanley advocates the appointment of a European Commission to examine the British claims to the territory in dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana.

Senator Sherman declares that President Cleveland's definition of the Monroe doctrine is correct, and hints that Great Britain will not support Lord Salisbury's refusal to agree to arbitration.

Senator Sherman's speech created much excitement among the "Jingo" Senators.

Mr. Brewer, a Judge of the Supreme Court at Washington, has been appointed a member of the Venezuelan Commission, and Chief Justice Alvey has been asked to join it.

It is reported that a syndicate has taken up 100,000,000dol. worth of United States bonds.

Venezuela is making large purchases of war supplies from the United States.

The Canadian public is profoundly aroused by the crisis, and resolutely demands that the Government shall formulate an adequate scheme of defence.

Arrangements have been made between J. Stanbury and C. R. Harding for the sculling championship of the world, to be rowed on the Thames on the 13th July.

Details are to hand of continued horrors in Anatolia. It is reported that 12 priests have been murdered for refusing to renounce their religion.

The *Times* is pressing the Powers to take effective action against Turkey.

Several English newspapers are urging Lord Salisbury to indicate the obstacles to concerted action by the Powers.

The Sultan has sent to St. Petersburg some handsome presents for the Czar.

A portion of the Armenian insurgents in the neighbourhood of Zeitoun are still defending the heights of the city. The foreign Ambassadors are trying to arrange terms for their surrender.

The American crisis has not affected the Bradford wool market. There is a good inquiry, and the tone is hopeful.

Another member of the New York Suicide Club has committed suicide, being the eighth member who has taken his life.

It is understood that Sir W. B. Perceval, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for New Zealand, is willing to extend his term of office.

President Krüger declares that he will suppress all attempts at disorder, but will not interfere with freedom of speech.

He states that his personal efforts to introduce reforms into the Transvaal Republic have been hampered by the extreme section of the foreigners.

It is expected at Capetown that the Transvaal Government will partially concede the demands of the foreign inhabitants for equal rights with the Boers. The German colony supports President Krüger.

A levy of 4000 Denkeras, one of the principal tribes of the Gold Coast Colony, has been made for service with the British expedition to Ashantee.

The Ashantee envoys, who have arrived in London, have confessed that the signature to their credentials purporting to be that of King Prempeh is a forgery.

The death is announced of Mrs. Stirling, the famous actress.

In another page will be found a commercial retrospect for the year.

A complete statement in regard to the new and the old tariffs is published in our present issue.

Last night the annual banquet in connection with the Commercial Travellers' Association was held at the Australia Hotel. His Excellency the Governor was amongst the guests.

A communication has been received at Goulburn from Hill View intimating that it would be very agreeable to his Excellency the Governor for the Vice-regal team to play a cricket match with Goulburn.

In the annual examinations in connection with the University of Sydney, Mr. W. G. Woolnough distinguished himself by winning the Levey Scholarship and first-class honours for Chemistry and Physics; also the Slade prize for Practical Physics, and Professor Haswell's prize for Zoology. For the last-named Mr. W. F. J. Burfitt, B.A., was prox. acc.

Yesterday morning the Star Hotel at Wardell was destroyed by fire. The building was partly insured.

Mr. John Anderson's coach and buggy factory at Dubbo was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

A branch of St. Vincent de Paul's Society has been established at Goulburn. This is the first branch that has been formed outside Sydney.

A lad named Harold Albery, aged 10 years, was drowned yesterday by the upsetting of a boat in a tributary of the Manning River.

It is reported that the Governor of Western Australia has given an order for a first-class racehorse to be procured for him from Melbourne.

Two miners, named Jerry O'Conlon and Cantrell, who recently left Dundas (W.A.) for Coolgardie, have perished from thirst.

Their bodies were discovered on 24th December, and their tracks showed that in their wanderings they had passed within 150 yards of water.

The approximate revenue receipts of South Australia for the quarter ended yesterday amounted to £562,704, being an increase of £4355 on the receipts for the corresponding quarter in 1894.

Yesterday the cricket match between New Zealand and New South Wales was continued at Christchurch. New South Wales in their first innings scored 198 runs, and New Zealand had lost seven wickets for 150 runs when the stumps were drawn for the day.

The Mayor of Christchurch accorded an official welcome to the Australian athletes yesterday. Bishop Julius was one of the speakers.

A disastrous fire has occurred at Hamilton, Waikato (N.Z.). Six buildings were destroyed, the loss being upwards of £6000.

The intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded at Melbourne yesterday. The New South Wales team won by 123 runs.

Yesterday the New South Wales Juniors won the cricket match against 15 juniors of Queensland by an innings and 9 runs.

The total Customs collections at Brisbane for the quarter ended December amounted to £183,437, being an increase of £25,209 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The collections for the year amounted to £700,382, being an increase of £64,226.

The revenue and expenditure of Tasmania for the year 1895 were about equal—namely, £750,000.

Apart from a decidedly healthful tone and a feeling of confidence that the new year will witness a considerable degree of animation, consequent upon the removal of the Dibbs duties, there was not much in the Money market yesterday to distinguish the close of the year 1895 from that of its predecessor.

In the Import market yesterday the business that was transacted was of an unimportant character.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 825 bales of wool were manifested. 1623 bales arrived coastwise.

The Customs revenue collected yesterday amounted to £5569, towards which the 10 per cent. ad valorem duty contributed £283, and the 15 per cent. ad valorem duty £9.

"The years go by like water," and we take no note of time, as the poet in his moralising mood observes, but from its loss. It runs restlessly on in its steady flow, turning the future into the present and the present into the past with mechanical but unfaltering persistence, and perhaps it is only on a day like this that we stop to look before and after for a moment until we are whirled on by the stream again. For the healthy mind, of course, New Year's Day is nothing if not an epoch of hope. Most of us have something to regret in the past; and in the retrospect of all there is probably some portion of the time we would willingly live over again. But the normal mind does not willingly dwell on these things, for the business of life is too real and too earnest to have patience with mere profitless regrets. We like better to project ourselves into the future, and amuse ourselves with the always fascinating exercise of attempting to forecast its possibilities. We know what is past, but that which lies before us has all the allurement of mystery, and its very uncertainty is the mainspring of its hope. If retrospect has any use at all it is only to teach us by the lesson of our mistakes, and remind us that the future is to be made or marred by ourselves in precisely the same way as that which stands recorded in the past. This is the lesson of JEAN PAUL RICHTER's well-known fable as it is of all the facts of existence, and it says something for the natural goodness of the race that we persist in hoping buoyantly on in spite of all our experiences of failure and ineptitude. So it is that we are all astrologers at this season of the year, casting horoscopes and erecting schemes like any PARACELSUS of the past, and more or less consciously straining forward to pluck aside the veil of time's uncertainty and scan the vistas that lie before us, thronged with the shadowy hopes and warnings of the future.

In its personal relations this is a sort of amusement which the individual usually prefers to indulge in on his own account, but the public events of the day have a way of inviting a similar treatment at a time like this. So far as this colony is concerned, we enter on the year 1896 not only freighted with hopes, but ballasted with what looks like a good deal of reassuring certainty. The political outlook is exceptional. Three years ago we closed one year leaving an honourable record behind us, and entered on another in the fashion of a leap in the dark. "We are about to take a plunge into the darkness of a hundred years ago," we wrote on that occasion, "and to exhibit ourselves as another example of narrow selfishness and unbrotherly isolation in trade." After three years of the protectionist tariff which then came in, to-day sees the colony once more freed from these commercial fetters and at liberty to follow her natural destiny untrammelled by a fiscal superstition of the economic dark ages. It is a fair omen for the New Year's Day which sees us once more in line with our old traditions, and leading the way in Australia towards unrestricted interchange and unhampered free trade. When we remember the difficulties in the face of which the battle has been won, and the political storm from which the colony has emerged in time to begin the New Year under the most favourable auspices, it is impossible not to feel the cheerful encouragement of the omen. The way has been cleared for an open course of that prosperous and sound legislation for which the country has been long waiting, and among our hopes for the next twelve months we have every right to include the long-promised and often-attempted scheme of local government. A much larger project seems to have been brought within measurable distance by the progress made with the Federal Enabling Bill. The unanimity of feeling in all the colonies on this subject, and the ample provision for the expression of the will of the people in its respect, have removed the only serious obstacles in the way of Federation. All that is now wanting is an intelligent study of that great question by the people at large, and an earnest effort on the part of the leaders to put it to the test. The issue of that test was never doubtful provided it is applied under fair conditions, and the method contemplated by the Federal Enabling Bill certainly does not err on the side of illiberality. It may be indulging too sanguine a mood to think of the scheme of Federation as an accomplished fact before the close of the year that opens so auspiciously to-day, but we may at least look confidently forward to seeing it far advanced on its way towards general adoption. For the rest, the Ministry in power has the proved confidence of the country and of the House. Over the bad times and bad seasons it has no control, but its record in the past justifies us in anticipating that by wise legislation and careful administration it will do something to set things in a fair way to meet the signs of returning prosperity, and to relieve us as far as possible of the reproach of the unemployed. The Ministry has now done enough for display, and its successful record entitles it to a season of less showy but not less solid achievement.

Looking abroad, the prospect for the new year is not so bright as the lovers of peace would hope. It is true that the enormous armies and costly armaments which have guarded European frontiers for so many years past have not yet made the long-expected move across the borders. With each recurring spring it has been expected that the tension would no longer stand the strain, and that some effort would be made to put an end to that ruinous waste of the effective manhood and resources of nations which has driven Italy to the verge of bankruptcy and oppressed France and Germany almost to the limit of endurance. But that limit has not been reached yet, and we must look to the south-eastern corner of the Continent for anything in the shape of a veritable war-cloud. The Turk is again trying the patience of civilisation and the tact of diplomatists; but though reports still come of Armenian massacres at Zeitun and disorganisation at Constantinople, and though a foreign warship has passed the Bosphorus and an ultimatum has been issued, the threatened hostilities have been so far averted. How long peace will continue, and how long it will be before Turkey is put into commission and the scandal of its maladministration removed at once and for ever, are questions which may be solved at any moment while the present crisis continues. Meanwhile, Italy has her hands full in Abyssinia, and Spain in Cuba, while England has an expedition afoot to Ashanti, and there is promise of trouble between the Boer and the Uitlander in South Africa. The great danger of an imbroglio with the United States over the Venezuelan question may now be regarded as having materially diminished, though not without serious financial results. The world has been shown that the great pact between the American and English branches of the English-speaking race is to some extent at the mercy of party politicians and their strategy; and it is to be feared that the lesson of what has passed will not fade out of mind for many years to come. The reports from Venezuela point to a prospect of trouble in that direction for England if she persist in forcing the boundary question, and after what has taken place it is difficult to see on what grounds Lord SALISBURY can now refrain. The year just closed opened while the war in the Far East was in progress. To-day the outlook there is peaceful, while the opening of China and the increased activity in Japan threaten the world with an element of industrial and commercial competition practically undreamt-of before. The old year closes, then, and the new year opens, with peace; and the most hopeful thing that can be said on the situation is that as war has been averted in the face of some very threatening indications so long, the clouds that now menace the peace of nations in the East and West may roll away and leave the prospect as fair as they found it.

To-day has been fixed as the date when the new system of taxation which is the great work of this Ministry and Parliament should come into force. The change will probably prove to be much greater than any of those experienced in the colony by the alternations of fiscal policy to which commerce and industry have had to accustom themselves. The difference indeed amounts to a revolution. It is not merely that the Customs tariff of 1892 has now disappeared, regretted by few, for while freetraders objected to it consistently, even protectionists found fault, because the instalment of protection was enough to harass trade and not enough to benefit industries. It is not merely that a simple tariff takes its place, a tariff which, considerate of interests created under the old condition of things, continues to several industries a gradually diminishing amount of support, and which eventually will be reduced to duties upon a few articles, such as wines, spirits, and ales, tobacco and opium, always considered proper to bear a revenue duty. The change is much farther reaching, for while the indirect taxation of Customs, hitherto the resort of impecunious or protectionist Treasurers, has been simplified, the additional revenue is to be raised by direct taxation upon land and incomes. Thus the new policy is a consistent whole, and embraces the principal heads of public finance. The unimproved value of all land will return a tax of one penny in the pound sterling over and above the exempted sum of £240. The income of each and every colonist, resident or not, will pay sixpence in the pound sterling, the exempted amount being £200. As stated in our review of the old and the new taxation published elsewhere, the excise, probate, stamp, and license duties, the polltax, and some small charges of the same nature are retained. The excise duties are complementary to the Customs duties from a freetrade point of view. The probate charges may not remain at their present limit for ever; the experience of England and the intention of the new French Ministry indicate that succession or death duties are regarded as rightly yielding the public exchequer a substantial revenue. The polltax upon Chinese is not a productive impost, and the colony does not want it to be productive. As to the Customs tariff, a comparison of the one in force yesterday and the one in force to-day will show how much more favourable is the latter to commerce and industry. Raw material is liberated, and so, too, are the many manufactured goods used or consumed by our people, and necessarily imported. The vexatious charges, direct and indirect, entailed by high specific and ad valorem duties are lifted from the consumer. A few manufactured articles—sugar, candles, oil, biscuits, confectionery, and preserves—bear duties, which will grow less each year, and will positively end in June five years hence at the latest. A further list obtains recognition for six months, and in July next the duties disappear upon these. What remains is the permanent tariff, confined to intoxicants, perfumed spirits, and narcotics, and it is justly claimed that, when by effluxion of time this tariff becomes the only one, New South Wales will possess a policy more truly freetrade than even Great Britain.

It must be admitted that the new system will have its drawbacks. No one likes direct taxation. Revenue being essential many prefer that it should be raised in some indirect manner, and do not even resent the "loading" which taxation of this nature is made to bear as it is passed on from the Government to the distributing agencies, and by them to the consumers. It seems so much more inquisitorial and exacting to insist upon a citizen stating his income and the value of his land, and then himself paying in cash the State's charge upon his wealth. Compared with this, the paying of a trifling ten or fifteen or twenty per cent. upon each article of personal wear or household use, representing first the State's charge, then the several middlemen's commissions, seems the very mildest process of "stand and deliver," almost scientific in its ease and certainty. But the change from indirect to direct taxation is to be defended on many grounds, if defence be necessary. The taxpayer knows at once what he has to pay, and he knows also that the State gets it, not a moiety only, the rest being diverted into private pockets. He knows, too, that the one system is equitable and the other inequitable. Under the policy which raises much of the public revenue by Customs duties the poorest man in the colony may be relatively a larger taxpayer than the richest. The poor man has to feed and clothe himself and family, and to purchase the materials and the implements of his trade or industry; the rich man, if resident, has not much more to pay, and his income will be many times greater than that of the other, while if non-resident he pays little or nothing. From to-day we alter all that. The owner of land and of an income derived from New South Wales will pay a percentage upon every pound over a statutory minimum which is designed not to exempt but to relieve the poorer classes. It has been freely asserted that a land tax would ruin the colony, the best answer to which is supplied in the case of the other colonies and the other countries which contrive to exist, not to say flourish in a humble way, under land taxation. The entire system also has this to recommend it, that reaching the vast majority of the population, the individual amount of taxation can be made low and will still return a sufficient revenue, and the threefold basis upon Customs, land, and incomes makes the superstructure more assured of continuance, which is in itself a factor of chief importance in relation to business. It will not be easy for an iconoclastic Ministry to tear down the edifice now erected; it will be impossible without the active co-operation of the people. "Sneaking-in" protection is made more difficult, since the problem will be either to destroy direct taxation or to double the strain upon the Customs. Thus the country is afforded a prospect of rest in a settled financial policy, compared with which the rest so much desired by the Opposition during the last two sessions of Parliament would have been illusory. The colony is to be congratulated, for the new policy offers us the fairest chances of internal prosperity and external growth, and this is seen in the other colonies. It hardly needs to be said that the exchange of a muddled protection for an intelligent and intelligible system of freetrade is welcome to this journal, the policy of which has been freetrade for more than half a century.

The cricket match between New South Wales and Victoria has resulted in favour of New South Wales by 123 runs, and such a victory should give our men heart to carry on a vigorous campaign through the remainder of the season. The triumph on this occasion is the more acceptable from the fact that the chances of the game—and they are always numerous—were fairly divided, while neither side could point to the condition of the weather or the wicket as having unduly affected the contest. The match went into its fifth day, and through the long hours of cautious play both teams exhausted their resources of defence and attack. There was no unexpected development, no mysterious panic which sometimes breaks up the batting, no downpour of rain to bring joy to the hearts of the bowlers; it was all steady solid cricket, and it ended in our favour. It must also not be overlooked that in what was practically a batsman's match, the New South Wales representatives were without the assistance of GREGORY, and under the circumstances the value of the win is much enhanced. DONNAN's first innings score of 160, made by practically faultless cricket, was undoubtedly the feature of the match, and it must have inspired the other batsmen with courage when they saw how confidently he met change after change in the bowling until nearly the whole of the Victorian team had gone up to the crease. While, however, we pay a tribute to the batsman who goes well into the second century, we must not forget the useful scoring of RICHARDSON, GARRETT, WALTERS, and KELLY, who had two not-outs to his credit; while on the Victorian side the scores made by GRAHAM, BRUCE, H. TROTT, and R. M'LEOD gave promise that we may have good cause to remember their visit to Sydney a few weeks hence. If we make exception for the bowling of M'KIBBIN in the Victorian second innings, in which he took eight wickets for 93 runs, there was really nothing in the bowling on either side to call for specially favourable comment. That such should be the case is to be regretted, for probably next season the colonies will be called upon to band together to face the Englishmen once more, and at present it cannot be said that we have the bowling that inspires complete confidence. Apart, however, from the general mediocrity of Australian bowling, the facts that no fewer than 1353 runs were scored in the match just finished, and that two players made over 100 each, are sufficient to draw forcible attention to the improvement made in late years in cricket pitches and the consequent disadvantages from which ordinary bowlers suffer. A fast accurate bowler like the Englishman RICHARDSON can cut batsmen down on the best of wickets; but the half or three-quarter pace bowler must generally reckon on getting his average knocked to pieces when the wicket is as hard as flint and as true as a billiard-table. The scores made in the intercolonial matches go to show that the improvement in the wickets must have materially influenced the scoring. For instance, these matches had gone on for eleven years before a batsman made the first century, whereas now such a score is merely looked on as a nice display of batting, to be thought no more of when the match is over. As to the contest from which our men have come out victorious, we must look on it as a good omen and take it as the first of a rather long series of wins required to place us on even terms with the cricketers of the sister colony.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—Yesterday morning his Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Ferguson, A.D.C., and Mr. Gathorne-Hardy, P.S., returned to Sydney from Moss Vale by the express train, and drove at once to the meeting of the Executive Council. In the evening Lord Hampden was present at the annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Association at the Australia Hotel. To-day his Excellency will attend the Highland Gathering sports at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and will lunch there with the committee. At half-past 2 this afternoon he will visit the Randwick Races, and in the evening he will be present at the Highland concert at the Town Hall. On Thursday the Governor, accompanied by Captain Ferguson, A.D.C., Captain Egerton, A.D.C., and Mr. Gathorne-Hardy, P.S., will go to Albion Park for a day's shooting as the guests of Captain Weston. They will return to Sydney on the same evening, and on Friday his Excellency, with Captain Egerton and Mr. Hardy, will return to Moss Vale. Captain Ferguson leaves for Queensland early next week on a month's holiday.

INTERVIEWS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.—On account of the serious interference with the business conducted by correspondence at the General Post Office, occasioned by the numerous interviews hitherto afforded the public, it has been found absolutely necessary to insist upon the carrying out of the rule that interviews will only be afforded between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The doors at the principal entrances to the building will therefore on and after the 2nd instant only be open to the public between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. except on Saturdays, when no interviews will be afforded. Information needed by the public on postal and telegraphic matters can be obtained upon application at the Inquiry Office of the postal branch, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at the Inquiry Office of the telegraph branch, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

NORFOLK ISLAND AFFAIRS.—By the Elamang yesterday news was received that the election for magistrate was held on Boxing Day. There were nominated Messrs. Byron Adams, F. M. Nobbs, and F. C. Nobbs. The result of the poll was a majority in favour of Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams held the position last year. Two councillors, Messrs. John Tono Quintal and Marsh Adams, were also elected. The steamer Katoomba arrived from Sydney on the 26th, and left the same day for Noumea. Good rain set in on Christmas night, the first for several weeks. The drought has been very severe. Among the passengers by the Elamang yesterday were Mr. Isaac Robinson, American Consul at Norfolk, and Mr. R. S. Waterhouse.

MAIL STEAMERS.—The P. and O. Company's Australia, whose mails were yesterday delivered in the city 32 days from London, cleared Port Phillip for Sydney at 3.10 p.m. yesterday, and will be in harbour early to-morrow morning. She is to remain at the company's buoy until after the departure of the Parramatta, which is timed to sail on Monday next. The French mail steamer Ville de la Ciotat, from Marseilles, is due at this port on Monday morning next. The two mail steamers which left here on Monday afternoon, the Oroya and the Prinz-Regent Luitpold, were keeping close together down the coast on the way to Melbourne. A wire from Gabo Island gives the Prinz-Regent as passing there at 11.10 a.m. yesterday, and the Oroya at noon.

THE STRANDED STEAMER ORARA.—The steamer which drove ashore at Woolgoolga, the Orara, in the storm of Monday was lying on a rock yesterday. Her back is broken, and she is half full of sand and to all appearances a wreck. Our correspondent wired last night to say that the crew is employed removing furniture, machinery, and fittings.

MELONS FROM PERA BORE.—The first water and rock melons grown this season at the Pera bore, near Bourke, were received at the Mines Department yesterday. They are excellent specimens of their kind, and show what can be done in the way of irrigation by artesian water. Experience shows that melons and other fruits and vegetables come to maturity at the Pera bore at least four or five weeks earlier than in the neighbourhood of Sydney.

A GOOD SAILING VOYAGE.—Taking the disadvantages that the ship Glenlui laboured under by losing her fore and main topgallant masts before making the equator, her voyage of 118 days from Liverpool speaks well for her sailing capabilities, and is creditable to the master. The vessel arrived here yesterday morning. She was blown off the land on Sunday night, so that in reality her voyage was actually 116 days to Sydney Heads—a remarkably good piece of work under her circumstances.

THE MAYOR OF SYDNEY.—Yesterday the term of office of the Hon. S. E. Lees, M.L.C., as Mayor of Sydney expired. The offices at the Town Hall have been closed since the beginning of the Christmas holidays, and will reopen again to-morrow. From to-day Alderman I. E. Ives takes office as Mayor of Sydney, but as the 1st of January is a *dies non*, as far as the City Council is concerned, the new Mayor will not practically take up the duties of his office at the Town Hall till to-morrow.

GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM.—The Geological Museum in the Domain will be closed from to-day for several weeks for cleaning and repairs.

MR. GALE'S COMET.—Our readers will remember the comet found early in 1894 by Mr. W. F. Gale, F.R.A.S., of Paddington. We learn that the computation of an elliptical orbit for the comet has just been completed by Rev. Dr. Roseby, F.R.A.S., of Marrickville. Dr. Roseby's orbit indicates that the comet's period slightly exceeds a thousand years (1001·18 years).

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.—The intercolonial match between New South Wales and Victoria terminated yesterday, the result being a win for New South Wales by 123 runs. At the termination of play on Monday the scores stood: New South Wales, first innings, 407; Victoria, 357; New South Wales, second innings, 319 for eight wickets. On the resumption of play the New South Wales players carried their score to 331, Kelly carrying out his bat for 58 runs. The Victorians were called on to make 382 runs in the second innings to win, but could not face the bowling of M'Kibbin, and were dismissed for the moderate total of 258, New South Wales thus scoring a decisive victory. Bruce made 90, but no other batsman reached 30. M'Kibbin got the fine average of eight wickets for 93 runs. Of the 55 matches played Victoria has won 31 and New South Wales 24.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The Registrar-General's report of the vital statistics of the city of Sydney for the month of December, 1895, shows that in the city the births of 227 children, 118 males and 109 females, were registered, being 96 in excess of the deaths and 24 less than the number of births registered for the previous month. The deaths registered were 131, 77 males and 54 females, being 11 less than the previous month. There were 9 deaths registered of people of 70 years and upwards as follows, viz.:—4 males and 5 females.

REMARKABLE CASE OF PSEUDO PAUPERISM.—A man was yesterday admitted to the Sydney Hospital as an urgent patient. He stated to the officials that he was unable to pay anything for his treatment, as he had no money. He was found to be in a very filthy state, and his clothes were such as might be expected to be worn by one in destitute circumstances. One of the employees of the hospital, however, found a bank book among his effects showing a balance of £600 to the credit of the admitted pauper, while in his pockets more than £8 in money was discovered.

THE ABERCROMBIE-STREET SHOOTING AFFRAY.—The condition of the woman Lily Turner, who was shot by a man in Abercrombie-street, near Irving-street, on Friday night, is unaltered. Yesterday Mr. Paton, chamber magistrate at the Water Police Court, accompanied by Detective Keatinge, proceeded to the Sydney Hospital, where the woman is lying, for the purpose of obtaining a sworn statement from her. She, however, declined to be sworn, and the officials could not therefore obtain her depositions. No fresh evidence regarding the shooting affray has been obtained.

A BOY RUN OVER BY A CART.—A boy named Arthur Jeffries, aged 10, whose parents reside in George-street, Erskineville, yesterday jumped off the back step of a 'bus and fell down. A cart belonging to Messrs. Hume and Pegrum, aerated water manufacturers, passed over his body, and the lad received internal injuries. He was admitted for treatment at Prince Alfred Hospital.

RUN OVER BY A CAB.—George Duncan, a child of 5½ years of age, residing with his parents at

Long Bay-road, Randwick, was knocked down by a cab in Oxford-street last night. The wheel of the vehicle passed over his knee, which was contused.

A Boy Injured through Diving in Shallow Water.—A schoolboy named Thomas Campbell, who resides with his parents in Nicol-street, Surry Hills, suffered a serious injury to his chest yesterday while diving in shallow water in the Figtree baths. A number of the muscles of his body were severed, and when he was taken to the Sydney Hospital a large wound was found to extend from his chest to the abdomen.

Run Over by a Trolly.—Robert Neal, 13 years of age, and residing in Campbell-street, Alexandria, was run over yesterday afternoon by a loaded trolly near Ricketty-street. He was taken to the Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from severe internal injuries.

Sudden Death of a Customs Employee.—Mr. Julius Bernard Evans, who was employed in the Customs Department for some years, died suddenly at his residence, No. 2 St. Mary's-terrace, Lower Domain, early yesterday morning. The matter was reported to the coroner, but upon Dr. Rennie furnishing a report that death was due to natural causes an inquest was dispensed with.

Escape and Suicide of an Inmate of the Bay View Asylum.—A man named William Thomas Jefferies, age 33, an upholsterer, of Newtown, but who for some time has been a confinee of the Bay View Asylum, Cook's River, escaped from that institution on Sunday. He was last seen by one of the attendants about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. He was then in the grounds of the asylum and appeared to be all right. He was missed shortly afterwards. Search was instituted, and on the banks of the Cook's River on Monday afternoon, close to Canterbury, the missing man's clothes were found. His friends returned to the spot where the clothes were found yesterday morning, and close by they discovered his dead body in about 3ft. of water.

Annual Fire Returns.—The fire returns for the year just ended show that the total number of fire alarms received for 1895 amounted to 553. Of this number 82 were false alarms, 64 chimney alarms, 18 were for chimney, first returned as house fires, and 369 were actual fires. The number of instances in which slight damage was done was 301, while 20 were serious and total destruction resulted in 48 cases. In 159 instances the houses were insured and 181 were uninsured, and the insurance was not known in 29 that were destroyed. The amount of money received by the Fire Brigades Board amounted to £18,000, which was contributed in equal sums by the insurance companies, municipalities registered under the Fire Brigades Act, and the Government. The total amount paid as bonuses and subsidies to the various volunteer fire companies during the year was £2779. In addition to this amount four companies received £12 per annum each for attendance at the telephone fire alarms connected with their stations.

A Street Disturbance.—Late last night Constable Malone, who was on duty in the vicinity of Poole's Hotel, Bathurst-street, interfered with the plans of a "push." As soon as he attempted to make an arrest he was set upon by a number of men, while about 200 people surrounded him. He stoutly defended himself, and in spite of all opposition handcuffed his prisoner. Just as he had done this he was hit on the side of the head by a brick, which bounced off and struck the handcuffed man with sufficient force to render him temporarily unconscious. After Constable Malone had departed a forcible sympathiser with law and order attacked one of the principal assailants and cut him considerably about the head with a bottle. Another policeman had arrived on the scene by this time, and the third man who was injured was taken to the Sydney Hospital, where he and Constable Malone received medical attention at the one time. The police officer has only an abrasion on the side of the head. Two injured men are now under arrest in the matter.

Mr. Blow, of the Crown Studios, has been specially appointed photographer to his Excellency the Governor. Mr. Blow was the first to photograph his Excellency and family after their arrival in this colony, and was so successful that his Excellency and Lady Hampden gave numerous orders for photographs all in the new Rococo process. His Excellency at the time expressed great pleasure at the beautiful process. The Rococo portrait process gives a fine detail, showing well the pure whites and decided blacks of the steel engraving, with a brilliancy peculiarly its own. Not the least of its many qualities is that it is claimed to be absolutely permanent.

In a supplement to the *Gazette* issued yesterday appear amended water, sewerage, and drainage bylaws, under which the board allow a discount of £5 per centum on all rates imposed upon lands and tenements of the assessed value of £17 and over, subject to certain conditions which are set out in detail in the bylaw.

Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons announce their intention of giving the public the full benefit of the repeal of the duties at once. There is to be, as far as they are concerned, no working off of old stock at old prices, the firm having re-marked the whole of its duty-paid stock on the basis of 10 or 15 per cent. reductions, according to the duty paid. Goods bearing specific duties now repealed have also been subjected to proportionate reductions.

We are requested to direct attention to an advertisement announcing that the library of the Royal Society of New South Wales will be closed during the progress of some structural repairs.

We are asked to call attention to an advertisement stating that the premises of Messrs. Quong Tart and Co. will be open to-day.

TASMANIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our correspondent.)

HOBART, Tuesday.

The revenue and expenditure for the year just closed are about equal, namely £750,000. The Premier anticipates next year reducing the expenditure to £720,000; and as there appear to be reasonable hopes that the revenue will reach £800,000, and that it will maintain that position, the chances are in favour of a material reduction in the present deficit of £430,000 before the end of the century. The mineral output for the year has decreased by £118,069; but of this silver shows a decrease of £78,736, mainly owing to Mount Lyell not exporting ore, but accumulating for smelting. The increase of gold produced during the year was £21,000. The dividends for the year total £145,107, being £5971 less than last year, but £20,604 more than for 1893.

Business generally is very good. The tradespeople say that they never had a better Christmas for years past.

TO-DAY.

Special excursion trips on the different railway lines at cheap fares.

Highland Gathering at the Cricket Ground.

Concert in the Town Hall: Mlle. Antoinette Trebelli and a number of other vocalists will contribute.

The Annual Race Meeting in connection with Tattersall's Club Randwick Racecourse. First race will be started at 1 p.m.

The N. and H.R. S.N. Company will at 10 sharp despatch the steamers Newcastle, Maitland, and Sydney to Cowan Bay, Careel Bay, and Port Hacking respectively.

The Zoological Gardens: Special facilities for family picnicking parties, and a varied programme of attractions.

Fern Bay: Special steamer service. Dancing in the new pavilion.

Correy's Gardens: The Young Australian Band will provide the dance music. Various other forms of recreation.

Bondi Aquarium: Two variety entertainments and a programme of other amusements.

Coogee Aquarium: Attractive programme.

The two Manly steamer companies and the Watson's Bay Company will run boats at frequent intervals. There will also be a good service on the Parramatta River.

Athol Gardens: Shamrock Club Picnic.

Mortlake Grounds: Dancing and other amusements.

United Endeavour Camp Meeting, the Avenue, Lane Cove River.

Salvation Army's Annual Excursion, Pearl Bay.

Clifton Gardens (late Chowder Bay): Excellent programme.

Clontarf: Dancing and picnic parties.

Sir Joseph Banks' Grounds at Botany: Dancing and other amusements.

Cyclorama, "Jerusalem," opposite Redfern Railway Station: Open 10 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., and from 7 till 10 p.m.

Royal Standard Theatre: "Little Lord Fauntleroy," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Minstrel and Specialty Company, 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "Fat," 8 p.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Robinson Crusoe," 2 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "The Magistrate," 8 p.m.

Sydney Music Hall: Pantomime de Variety, 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company, 8 p.m.

Temperance Hall, Pitt-street: Gibbons's Minstrel Company, 8 p.m.

Manly Corso Hall: Thiodon's Wonders, open afternoon and evening.

Anti-Fermentine Preserves Fruit without cooking. Your Storekeeper will tell you all about it.—[Advt.]

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

TURKEY AND ARMENIA.

FURTHER HORRORS IN ANATOLIA.

REPORTED MURDER OF PRIESTS.

THE POWERS AND TURKEY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Details are to hand of continued horrors in Anatolia, where 12 priests are reported to have been murdered for refusing to renounce their religion.

The *Times* is pressing the Powers to take effective action against Turkey.

Several of the English newspapers are urging Lord Salisbury to indicate the obstacles to concerted action by the Powers.

The Sultan has sent to St. Petersburg some handsome presents for the Czar.

A portion of the Armenian insurgents in the neighbourhood of Zeitoun, in the Aleppo district, is *still* defending the heights of the city. The foreign ambassadors are trying to arrange terms for their surrender.

THE ASHANTEE CAMPAIGN.

LEVY OF NATIVE TROOPS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

A levy of 4000 Denkeras, one of the principal tribes of the interior of the Gold Coast Colony, has been made for service with the British expedition to Ashantee.

They will be officered by members of the Gold Coast police.

The Ashantee envoys have arrived in London. They have confessed that the signature to their credential, purporting to be that of King Prempeh, is a forgery.

THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

President Krüger declares that he will suppress all attempts at disorder in the Transvaal, but will not interfere with freedom of speech. He adds that his personal efforts to introduce reforms into the Republic had been hampered by the extreme section of the Uitlanders.

Dec. 31.

It is expected at Capetown that the Transvaal Government will partially concede the demands of the Uitlanders, or foreign inhabitants, for equal rights with the Boers. The German colony supports President Kruger.

FRANCE AND BRAZIL.

SEIZURE OF TERRITORY BELONGING TO FRENCH GUIANA.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

A filibustering expedition, under a Portuguese leader named Cabral, has seized the district of Amapa, in Brazil, claimed by the French as belonging to French Guiana.

The filibusters are fortifying the country they have seized.

AGENCY-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

It is understood that Sir W. B. Perceval, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for New Zealand, is willing to extend his term of office.

NEW YORK SUICIDE CLUB.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Another member of the New York Suicide Club, the discovery of the existence of which recently caused a sensation in that city, has committed suicide.

This makes the eighth member who has taken his life.

THE BRADFORD WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The American crisis has not affected the Bradford wool market. There is a good inquiry, and the tone is hopeful.

DEATH OF AN ACTRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The death is announced of Mrs. Sterling, the actress.

The late Mrs. Sterling was famous in the old Haymarket days under Buckstone. She was also favourably known for her impersonation of the Nurse, which she played to Mary Anderson's Juliet, and she also appeared in Henry Irving's revivals.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

STANBURY v. HARDING.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Arrangements have been made for the match between J. Stanbury, of New South Wales, and C. R. Harding, of England, for the championship of the world and £500 a side, to be rowed over the Thames championship course on 13th July.

The cable shows that articles have been signed by Harding for a match with Stanbury on the 13th July for a sum of £500 a side. Presumably these articles will be at once forwarded to Stanbury for his signature, and to save time, which is most necessary, his acceptance of the conditions will be forwarded to London as soon as he has signed them here. In the meantime it is suggested that a conditional acceptance should be forwarded to London at once. As far as the cablegram shows, the terms are satisfactory to the champion. He would prefer to row for £500 a side rather than for £200, as was at one time suggested, and the date will suit him better than any other that could have been named.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY SHARES.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Broken Hill Proprietary shares are quoted at £2 12s 6d.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6 9-16d, being a fall of 1-16d since last quotation.

ROUND HARBOURS, UP MOUNTAINS. Everywhere you find Dona Marina Mexican Cigars.—[Advt.]

GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

THE VENEZUELAN FRONTIER.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

VENEZUELA PURCHASING WAR MATERIAL.

[By Cable.]
(From our correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Mr. H. M. Stanley, M.P. for Lambeth North, advocates the appointment of a European Commission to examine the British claims to the territory in dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana.

Senator Sherman declares that President Cleveland's definition of the Monroe doctrine is correct. He hints that Great Britain will not support Lord Salisbury's refusal to agree to arbitration.

Senator Sherman's speech caused much excitement among the "Jingo" Senators.

The Senate agreed to a resolution to effect that Mr. Hilary A. Herbert, Secretary to the United States Navy, be asked whether it would not be advisable to build six new warships, instead of two as is intended.

Mr. Brewer, a Judge of the Supreme Court at Washington, has been appointed a member of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission. Chief Justice Alvey has been asked to join the commission.

It is reported that a syndicate, headed by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, of the firm of Messrs. Drexel, Morgan, and Co., New York bankers, has taken up 100,000,000dol. worth of bonds.

Venezuela is making large purchases of war supplies from the United States.

The Canadian public is profoundly aroused by the existing crisis between Great Britain and America, and resolutely demands that the Government shall formulate an adequate scheme of defence, with the appointment of British officers in the command of the forces of the Dominion.

VICTORIA.

THE GOLD YIELD.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

According to the Melbourne Mint returns, the yield of gold in Victoria for the year was 721,878oz. as against 721,014oz. in 1894. The yield of Western Australia was 226,135oz., as against 199,904oz. for 1894.

QUEENSLAND.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our correspondent.)

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The total Customs collections at Brisbane for the quarter ended December amounted to £183,437, being an increase of £25,209 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The collections for the year amounted to £700,382, being an increase of £64,226 as compared with the previous year.

A Georgetown telegram states that John Clarke, licensee of the Etheridge Hotel, Cumberland, has committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a gun.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our correspondent.)

PERTH, Tuesday.

In connection with the raising of the rates for paying patients at the Cue Hospital from one to three guineas, the Government does not see its way to meet the representations for a reduction, seeing that the patients at Coolgardie pay four guineas.

It is reported that his Excellency the Governor has given an order to Mr. S. Wilson to procure for him a first-class racehorse from Melbourne.

Dryden has retreated to 6 to 1 for the Perth Cup, the favourites being Snappot, Lord Hope, and Karritha at 5 to 1.

The Mulewa to Cue railway will be commenced on Monday. The contractors hope, under favourable circumstances, to complete the line by 1st January, 1897.

F. W. Jacoby, an hotelkeeper, has been fined £30 and costs for a breach of the Licensing Act.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our correspondent.)

THE REVENUE RETURNS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The approximate revenue returns for the year ended to-day have been issued by the Under-Treasurer. The total approximate receipts during the last three months amounted to £562,704, or £4355 more than was received during the corresponding quarter of last year. Comparing the respective quarters, increases are shown in the following lines:—Stamp duties, £1000; postal and telegraph service, £9000; waterworks, £1200; reimbursements, fees, &c., £2500; land sales, £2600; licenses, &c., £3000. The decreases are: Probate and succession duties, nearly £5000; land and income tax, £3000; interest and exchange, £8000. There is a decrease of £6000 in taxation, a decrease of £8000 in other receipts, an increase of £14,000 in receipts from public works, and an increase of £5000 in territorial.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The following sales are reported as having taken place in the Share market to-day:—North Central, 2s 5d, 2s 6d; Junction North, 12s 3d; Hannan's Central Extended, 11½d, 1s; Great Boulder, £5 14s 6d; Brown Hill Junction, 4s 1d; Boulder North Extended, 1s 3½d, 1s 4d; Crœsus Proprietary, 1s 3½d; Norseman, contributing, 5s 2d, 5s 3d; Ivanhoe Junction, 1s 8½d; Maritana North, 4s 1d; Hannan's Victoria Cross, 3s 1d.

NEW ZEALAND.

[By Cable.]
(From our correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

An action has been commenced by a Wellington citizen against Huddart, Parker, and Co., claiming £1000 damages on account of an accident which resulted in plaintiff's infant daughter losing her leg, through getting entangled in the rudder-chains on the Tasmania.

The Premier states that the expenses of the Government in the Midland Railway arbitration case will not exceed £10,000.

H. W. C. Biggs, the crack long distance runner from New South Wales, has broken down, and will not be able to run this week. The cause is a strained sinew.

The Mayor of Christchurch accorded an official welcome to the Australian athletes to-day. Bishop Julius was one of the speakers.

A disastrous fire has occurred at Hamilton, Waikato. Six buildings were destroyed. The loss is over £6000.

The Prince Alfred Hospital report for the week ended 28th December, 1895, is as follows:—Admitted, 43; discharged, 40; died, 5; remaining in hospital on 29th December, 213. Number of out-patients treated during the week, 307; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 256; total, 563. There are 20 cases of typhoid in the wards.

COUNTRY NEWS.

(From our correspondents.)

PROPOSED VICE-REGAL CRICKET MATCH.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

A communication has been received from Hill View proposing a cricket match with Goulburn. The letter refers to a match with the late Sir Robert Duff's team last year, and states that it would be very agreeable to his Excellency Lord Hampden to have another match this year.

WRECK OF THE DURISDEER.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

The adjourned inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the Durisdeer was resumed this morning by the local Marine Board.

Thomas Teal, master of the tug Stormcock, said that all went well till he arrived off the port, when a heavy squall, with rain, came up. He had previously made signals for a pilot.

ANNUAL RAINFALL RETURNS.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

The total rainfall for the year has only been 13·97in., the lowest recorded since the year 1865, when 8·28in. was the total.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

The following is the rainfall at Wilcannia for the year 1895:—January, 91 points; February, 317 points; March, 5 points; April, 15 points; May, 146 points; June, 55 points; July, 57 points; August, 17 points; September, 60 points; October, 15 points; November, 84 points; December, 227 points; total, 10 inches 87 points. There were 43 wet days, and the heaviest fall at one time was on 19th February, when 313 points were recorded. The average yearly rainfall at Wilcannia is about 9in.

MINTO AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.

At the last regular meeting of the above Mr. Thomas, vice-president, presiding, a general discussion took place relative to the adoption of a standard fruit case, it being unanimously decided to adopt the bushel and half-bushel case as early as practicable. Dealing with matters advantageous to the district, it was decided to co-operate with Campbelltown residents in a deputation to the Railway Commissioners for the purpose of having the suburban area extended to Campbelltown. The interchange of delegates from kindred societies was also approved of. It was stated that unless rain fell speedily the grape crop would prove almost a total failure. Growers reported serious losses from flying-foxes and sparrows, which destroyed ripening fruit. It was also stated that the recent winds caused great devastation.

SOUTHERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

MOSS VALE, Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Southern Rifle Association was commenced to-day at the range, Browley Estate. The weather was fine, but the wind was rather shifty. In all there were 94 competitors, 77 being competitors for the through list, including the championship. The presidents', 5 shots at 500, 10 at 600 yards, resulted as follows:—Rickwood, Naval Brigade, score 65, £5; Corporal M'Calley, P.P. M.S.C., 64, £4; Carne, Sydney Rifle Club, 64, £3; Simons, Parramatta C. C., 63, £3; Stenning, North Sydney R. C., 62, £3; Sergeant Naylor, Bathurst, 62, £2; Sergeant Boles, Kiama, 61, £2; J. Sharp, Gerringong, £2. The following got prizes of £1 each:—Souter, Cork, Moroney, Cox, Fowler, Cadden, Hicks, Knight, Howard, Tessimond, Walker, Spencer, Norris, Thomas, Lindsay, M'Cook, West, Reeves, Maddrell, Mathieson, Russell. Eight scores of 54 were counted out.

In the Browley match, 7 shots each at 400 and 500 yards, Moroney, of Braidwood, got first prize with a score of 68, £5; Captain Cork, Ulladulla, 67, £4; Lieutenant Pierce, Sydney, 67, £3; Secretary Gissing, Moss Vale, 66, £2; Carne, Sydney, 66 £2; 19 others got prizes of £1 each. Two scores of 62 counted out. Captain Honey and Mr. Maddrell won prizes in the continuous matches.

Warrant-Officer Tideswell was in charge, and with the assistance of Secretary Gissing, Treasurer Lambert, and Executive Officer Jones, everything passed off satisfactorily. The Nursery, Wolseley, and Members' Handicaps are to be shot off to-morrow.

THE NEWCASTLE COAL TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

A meeting of the committee of the Municipal Conference to bring about a settlement of the coal trade difficulty was held in the Newcastle Council-chambers yesterday afternoon. There were present: Alderman Sharp, Mayor of Newcastle (presiding), Aldermen Barclay (Hamilton), Gibb (Waratah), Conn (Lambton), Garrett (Carrington), Steel and Stour (Wallsend), Thwaites (Adamstown), Errington (New Lambton), Mr. D. J. M'Lean, and Mr. Thomas Abel (secretary). The chairman reported the failure of the sub-committee to bring about a conference of all the colliery proprietors, and suggested a meeting of miners to discuss the situation. He said he had been informed that a number of proprietors were writing him, giving him their views on the letter from the A. A. Company, the Newcastle Company, and the Wallsend Company. On the motion of Alderman Garrett, seconded by Alderman Steel, it was resolved that the meeting adjourn till after the receipt of the letters referred to by the chairman. The meeting then adjourned.

DROWNING FATALITY.

CROKI, Tuesday.

A sad drowning fatality occurred at Cattai Creek, a tributary of the Manning River, to-day. A boy named Harold Albery, 10 years of age, was sailing in a small flat-bottomed boat, and it is supposed that a sudden gust of wind upset the boat. The boy was thrown into the water, and no assistance being at hand he was drowned. Nobody appears to have seen the accident, and it was not until the boy was missed that a search was made and the boat found floating bottom upwards. A number of neighbours commenced dragging operations and recovered the body shortly after midday.

WOOL STEAMERS AGROUND.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

The following steamers are aground near Wilcannia waiting for the coming rise in the river:—The Goldsbrough at Ten Miles Point; the Decoy and the Maggie at Culpaulin cutting; the Moira, above Weinteriga; the Julia and the Maude at Christmas Rocks; and the Pioneer, at present loading wool at Weinteriga. The Colonel left Pooncarie down stream yesterday. The Nile left Pooncarie up stream yesterday.

ALBURY, Tuesday.

A Chinaman was arrested on a charge of attempting to enter the colony without paying the poll tax. He was remanded for a week.

A man was arrested to-day on a charge of till-robbing. He had in his possession notes of the defunct Provincial and Suburban Bank of the face value of £400.

BALLINA, Tuesday.

The Star Hotel at Wardell was burned to the ground yesterday morning. The building was partly insured. The origin of the outbreak is unknown.

BOWRAL, Tuesday.

The weather has quite cleared, and there is every appearance to-night of a beautifully fine day to-morrow. The town is full of visitors, among the latest arrivals being the Chief Justice of Western Australia, Sir Alexander and Lady Onslow, who are the guests of Mr. Edward Ogilvie.

A company of Sydney artists has been specially engaged to give an entertainment in the School of Arts hall to-morrow night, thus providing attractive popular amusement for the evening. The Bowral Association Brass Band is playing under engagement to-night, and in every direction the holidays are being enjoyed.

DUBBO, Tuesday.

John Anderson's coach and buggy factory, situate in Talbragar-street, was burned down at 4 this morning. Charles Moore's bakery and butcher's shop adjoining were saved with much difficulty. Anderson's stock is reported not to be insured. He will be a heavy loser.

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

The Ollera tennis players met and defeated the Glen Innes team at the local courts yesterday. Mr. C. M'Kenzie, a well-known intercolonial player, was included in the visiting team.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

The weather during the past week was exceptionally hot. On Christmas Day the thermometer reached 106°. The grass is drying very fast, and rain is badly wanted.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

Mr. Arthur Leary, who has been with Mr. W. T. Griffin, solicitor, for a number of years, left for Sydney last night, where he will finish his law studies. He was entertained in the afternoon at Leary's Hotel. Mr. C. W. Weekes, P.M., presided. There was a large attendance, nearly all the leading residents of the town being present.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

Tyler's Star Hotel, at Wardell, was totally burnt last night. It is understood that the place was insured.

The rain on Sunday caused a perceptible rise in the river here. Many small tributaries of Terania Creek are reported to have been bank high.

MURRUMBURRAH, Tuesday.

Two deaths occurred here yesterday. Mrs. Allsopp, the mother of the Mayor of Murrumburrah (Mr. T. Allsopp), an aged lady, died in the morning, and Mrs. Johnston, of the Railway Hotel, wife of Mr. John Johnston one of the early pioneers of the district, died in the evening. Both funerals took place to-day, and were amongst the most largely attended ever witnessed here.

The weather continues extremely dry, and harvesting is nearly finished. The wheat yield will be rather better than was expected. Water for domestic uses is running short.

NARRABRI, Monday.

The country around never looked better at this season of the year, and stock is improving very much.

The railway extension works were at a stand-still last week, or almost so, to enable the employees to get to their homes for Christmas.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

A statement of revenue collected at the Custom-house during the year ended 31st December, as compared with the previous year shows that for 1895 the amount was £155,262 8s 1d, for 1894 it was £158,895 12s 1d.

A return, showing the export of coal at Newcastle during 1895 as compared with the previous year is as follows:—For 1895 there were 1,920,378 tons exported, and 1,891,674 tons in 1894. A return showing the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared at Newcastle Customs for 1895 as compared with 1894 is as follows:—Vessels entered inwards for 1895, total 1216, with a tonnage of 1,426,027 tons; for 1894, total 1255, tonnage 1,422,310. Vessels outwards for 1895, total 1207, with a tonnage of 1,410,004; for 1894, total 1255, with a tonnage of 1,415,159.

NOWRA, Tuesday.

Edward John M'Nab, charged on remand with having an illicit still at Wattamolla, Broger's Creek, was to-day, at the Nowra Court, fined £100 or three months.

At a meeting of the Nowra Council last night a report was submitted by Alderman Blackmore respecting the conference between the council representatives and the Greenhill's Drainage Union, on the subject of adopting a scheme of drainage for the town. The union offers, if the council constructs a drain from the Shoalhaven River, to cross section 33 as per Inspector Davis's plans, making a 10ft. bed the whole length. The union will do the balance of the work. A deputation was appointed to ask the Minister to approve of a special grant to have the scheme carried out. The Mayor and Aldermen Blackmore and Monaghan were appointed a committee to make inquiries with the view of utilising the permanent water supply motive power for lighting the town by electricity.

The weather is fine.

OBERON, Tuesday.

During the month of December 4·34in. of rain fell. The total rainfall for the year was 27·4in. which fell on 94 days, as compared with 35·9in. on 124 days for the previous year.

SPRINGWOOD, Tuesday.

The passenger traffic at this station for the four days ended 27th instant exceeded 400 persons.

In December 3·90in. of rain fell, making a total for 1895 of 40·08in. Only 13 inches fell during the past six months.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

The annual demonstration in connection with the Maitland Fire Brigade took place this evening. The brigade marched in a torchlight procession through the streets, and subsequently returned to the fire station, where the members sat down to dinner.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.

All the crops in the district look remarkably well after the recent showers.

The channel in the river is improving by Mr. Manning's scheme of deepening.

When coming in at the entrance the barque apparently lost sight of the tug's steering light, and, as far as he could see, kept too far over towards the oyster bank, and must have then fouled something, and the hawser parted near the towing hook. In reply to the board, witness said he considered he was justified in taking the ship into port without a pilot—it was not fit for the pilot boat to go out. He considered that the ship striking an obstruction caused the towline to part. After some other evidence had been taken the board deferred its verdict.

RESIGNATION OF SIR WILLIAM WINDEYER.

HIS CAREER.

Application having been made by Sir William Windeyer for six months' leave of absence, the matter was considered by the Cabinet yesterday and leave of absence granted. It is understood that Sir William Windeyer, at the expiration of his leave of absence, will not resume his position on the Bench, but retire on the pension to which he has been entitled for some time. Under the Act the amount of the pension is seven-tenths of the salary received by the Judge, and the salary being £2600, the pension therefore is at the rate of £1820 a year. It may be stated that a Judge of the Supreme Court becomes entitled to a pension after 15 years' service, and as his Honor was appointed to the Bench in 1879, he might have retired a year ago.

Sir William Windeyer has been a public personage almost from the time of his education at the University, and the general outline of his career is familiar, but the following particulars from the *Dictionary of Australasian Biography* are of interest:—

"His Honor Sir William Charles Windeyer, LL.D., Puisne Judge, New South Wales, is the only son of the late Richard Windeyer, barrister-at-law, and was born in Westminster on 29th September, 1834. He came to New South Wales with his parents in 1835, and was educated at Cape's School, Sydney, and at the King's School, Parramatta. He entered the University of Sydney on its opening in 1852, and took a general and classical scholarship. He carried off the English essay prize instituted by Dr. Woolley, during several successive years, and graduated with distinction in classics at the head of his year in 1856, taking also a first class in Mental Philosophy, being the senior of all Australian graduates. He was admitted to the Bar of New South Wales in March, 1857, and became a contributor and subsequently law reporter to the *Empire* newspaper, published in Sydney. In January, 1859, he was appointed sole Crown Prosecutor for the country districts of New South Wales. After resigning this post and unsuccessfully contesting Paddington against Sir Daniel Cooper, he was elected to the Assembly in August, 1859, for the Lower Hunter, and subsequently represented West Sydney from 1860 to 1862, and from 1866 to 1872. He was Solicitor-General under Sir James Martin from December, 1870, to May, 1872, and having been defeated for West Sydney in the latter year, he was elected the first member for the University of Sydney in September, 1876, and sat for that constituency till his retirement from politics. He held office as Attorney-General in the Parkes Administration from March to August, 1877, and again in the Parkes-Robertson Ministry, from December, 1878, to August, 1879, when he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Mr. Justice Windeyer was elected a member of the Senate of Sydney University at the first convocation in 1865, and is a Fellow of the University, and was Vice-Chancellor from 1884 to 1887. As a member of the Senate, he proposed the resolution resulting in the establishing of the Senior and Junior Public Examinations of the University. In 1878 he carried resolutions in the Assembly for the establishment of Grammar Schools at Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn, and the founding of public exhibitions enabling poor but clever boys to go to the Grammar Schools from the Public Schools and thence to the University. He was elected President of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts in 1874, and in 1876 he was temporarily appointed Acting-Judge of the Supreme Court. He was President of the Public Charities Commission in 1873, and in 1874 originated the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. He was married on 31st December, 1857, to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. R. T. Bolton, vicar of Padbury, Bucks, and sometime of Hexham, N.S.W. Besides being senior puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, he is Judge of Matrimonial and Divorce Causes, and Deputy Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court. He is an honorary LL.D. of Cambridge and a trustee of the Sydney Grammar School and of the Sydney Public Library, and chairman of the Council of the College for Women in the Sydney University. He carried a measure through the New South Wales Parliament which rendered colonial barristers eligible for judicial appointments, also the Married Women's Property Act of 1879 and the Copyright Act of 1879. On the death of Sir William Manning in 1894 Sir William Windeyer was appointed Chancellor of the University, a post which he now continues to fill."

POLITICAL NEWS.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CABINET.

RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE WINDEYER.

THE TAXATION COMMISSIONERS.

An important meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, when a number of matters of more than usual public interest received consideration. It was decided to grant six months' leave of absence to Sir William Windeyer, his health having broken down through overwork and prolonged strain during the past few years. It is currently reported that it is not the intention of Sir William Windeyer, at the expiration of his leave, to resume his place again on the Supreme Court Bench. He has already served as a Supreme Court Judge for a longer period than the time entitling him to a pension.

The appointment of a third Commissioner for the Land and Income Tax Department was another matter which received Ministerial attention yesterday. This subject has been under the consideration of the Government for some time, and Mr. Reid says it has been found absolutely necessary, in the interests of the department and the public, to secure the services of an expert in land and income tax management, and after full deliberation the Government has decided to offer the position to Mr. Spiller, the Deputy Commissioner for Taxes in South Australia. Mr. Spiller, who is in the prime of life, being 45 years of age, has been in the South Australian Civil Service for 14 years, and has been in the Land and Income Tax Department since its inception, and for the past few years has been practically the head of the department, the Chief Commissioner being engaged in other duties. His application for the position was forwarded to the New South Wales Government by the South Australian Government, who stated that it was impossible to speak too highly of the ability with which Mr. Spiller had discharged his public duties, and that although they felt it would be a loss to South Australia if he went to New South Wales, still the South Australian Government considered that they should not attempt to stand in his way. Before entering the South Australian Taxation Department Mr. Spiller was Chief Clerk to the South Australian Treasury. Mr. M'Gowan, the New Zealand Commissioner of Taxation, has been in Sydney for some time past lending assistance to the Government, and his services, the Premier says, have been of the highest value. He will return to New Zealand in three or four weeks. It is an open secret that Mr. M'Gowan would probably have been appointed as the second Commissioner for Taxation in this colony, but he announced his inability to accept the position, as his pension rights in New Zealand were now too valuable.

It may be explained here that Mr. Powell, the Collector of Customs, will be the President of the Board of Taxation, and that Mr. Johnson will be second Commissioner and will continue to be Commissioner of Stamp Duties. Mr. Spiller will be the Commissioner more immediately concerned with the Land and Income Tax Department. The regulations and forms under the Assessment Act have been carefully revised and will be published in a few days. It is understood to be the intention to distribute the forms to various centres throughout the country, and the taxpayers of the colony will have to make personal application for them, fill them up, and return them to the department. Within about a fortnight we may expect that every taxpayer in New South Wales will be deeply immersed in the study of land and income tax forms and schedules with the object of finding out how much he will have to contribute to the revenue during the next six months. As the financial year will end on the 30th June, it may be concluded that the first instalment of land and income taxation will only be for the half-year. At present the preparations for the new taxation are being made in one of the large rooms at the Lands' Office; but it is intended, as soon as the new arrangements are in full swing, to have the whole of the Taxation Department, with the exception of stamps, concentrated in the Customs building, which will be the headquarters of the Taxation Board. The abolition of the Dibbs duties will not lead to such a great reduction of work in the Customs Department as seems to be imagined. Entries have to be passed for all goods, whether they pay Customs duty or not. There will, however, of course, be a material reduction in the amount of work, and the Customs employees, who will be no longer required for their old work, will be transferred to the Land and Income Tax Department.

People are getting ready to take their goods out of bond at the earliest possible moment, and no less than 1216 sets of entries have already been tendered and passed with this object in view. The Customs authorities state that they are prepared to deliver all the goods now in bond on Thursday morning if necessary. It is expected that the bulk of what is intended to be taken out of bond as the result of the repeal of the Dibbs tariff will be taken out by the beginning of next week.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

The question of the appointment of the Civil Service Commission as provided for in the Public Service Act came under the notice of the Cabinet yesterday. It is a matter which is exciting very keen interest amongst members of the Civil Service, and all kinds of speculations have been indulged in with regard to probable appointments, but so far without any foundation, as the Cabinet has not yet completed its consideration of the matter. The names of several Ministers have been mentioned, including that of Mr. Brunker, but these, like the other speculations, are quite baseless. There is a long list of applications for the three positions (which are each worth £1000 a year), and a considerable time was devoted yesterday by Ministers to the consideration of the merits of the various candidates. The Premier says the Government feels the vast importance of a wise selection, and is giving the matter very great consideration, and it is hoped that the Commissioners will be chosen in time for formal appointment on Tuesday next.

THE CONDEMNED MAN SHERIDAN.

Yet another matter to which the Cabinet devoted some time yesterday was the case of the condemned man Sheridan. It is understood that the reason of the subject again coming before the Cabinet was that a petition has recently been presented to his Excellency the Governor by Mrs. Sheridan asking for a commutation of the sentence, and also because of certain representations made by Mrs. Sheridan. The Cabinet, it is explained, gave the matter very full consideration, and went exhaustively into every aspect of the case when it was originally dealt with some weeks ago, and as no new facts have been disclosed since then, it is understood that no reason was seen yesterday for altering the decision then arrived at. It was therefore found impossible to make any recommendation to the Governor for a commutation of the sentence. Acting on this advice it is understood that the Governor yesterday decided that he could not grant the prayer of the petition. Sheridan will accordingly be hanged at Darlinghurst on Tuesday next, the date originally fixed. The decision was communicated to him by the Governor of the gaol last night, but he was not much affected by the intelligence, as he had already made up his mind for the worst. He shows great contrition, and pays much attention to the ministrations of Father Carey.

THE MINING CONFERENCE.

The Minister for Mines, Mr. Sydney Smith, has approved of Wednesday, 5th February, being fixed as the opening day for the Mining Conference, for which arrangements are now being made. It is to be held in Sydney, but the precise locality has not yet been decided upon. Information received by the department shows that the movement has been taken up with considerable enthusiasm by the miners throughout New South Wales, and high expectations are entertained of a successful outcome to the gathering, which will be the first of its kind in New South Wales. It will be on the lines of the Agricultural Conference held last year, and it is being held in pursuance of the policy of the Government of bringing the producers of the colony together with a view of ascertaining what can best be done to forward their interests. Delegates to the conference are being elected by the miners at public meetings convened by the wardens on the various goldfields of the colony. Free passes will be granted by the Government to the delegates to and from Sydney.

WATER CONSERVATION.

Mr. Sydney Smith, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, has had several consultations lately with Mr. M'Kinney, Chief Engineer for Water Conservation, with a view of expediting the calling for tenders for several more works of water conservation. The chief of these are on the Narromine, the Lachlan, and the Macquarie. Yesterday the Minister called for tenders for the construction of a water tank at the new goldfield at Gilgunnia.

THE GOVERNMENT METALLURGICAL WORKS.

The Minister for Mines has accepted the tender of Messrs. Ritchie Brothers for the erection of the buildings necessary for carrying on the Government metallurgical works at Clyde. The contract price is £697 14s, and the work has already commenced. The amount is a good deal below the estimate, and it is noted with satisfaction by the Minister that, although the total amount claimed for the 5 acres of land resumed was about £2200, the claims have all been settled for about £520. Mr. Sydney Smith hopes that in about two months the buildings and machinery will be erected and the works in full operation. Every effort is being made to hurry on the undertaking. As has already been explained the Assay Department in Sydney is to be transferred to the metallurgical works at Clyde in order to concentrate the business and save expense. Students at the University who are studying mining will be afforded special opportunities for acquiring practical experience at the works.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.

The Minister for Works, Mr. J. H. Young, has received a letter from the Mayor and aldermen of Wilcannia repeating an invitation previously extended by them to him to visit that town. Mr. Young has decided to accept the invitation, but he is not sure yet when he will be able to get away, as there are several important matters which will have to be dealt with in his department before he will be at liberty to go. It will probably be near the end of January before he will be able to fix a date for the trip. Mr. Young proposes to go by way of Cobar to Wilcannia, and to spend a day looking over the opal fields at White Cliffs. From Wilcannia he will proceed to Menindie and Broken Hill, and his present intention is to come back from Broken Hill by way of Adelaide and Melbourne. Mr. Young also intends to pay a visit to his constituents at as early a date as he can arrange. Mr. Carruthers is also contemplating a visit to Broken Hill.

IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago a cablegram appeared in the *Herald* announcing that the Agent-General had bought the Bertillon and Galton systems of identifying criminals for use in New South Wales. As the Government had not authorised any such purchase, it was thought that there must have been some misunderstanding about the matter. Further correspondence has now been received on the subject by the Minister for Justice, Mr. Gould, which explains what has been done by the Agent-General. Sir Saul Samuel writes as follows:—"Referring to your cablegram of the 18th October last, directing me to report what has been done in England in connection with the adoption of the Bertillon and Galton systems of identifying criminals, I have the honour to inform you that immediately on its receipt I placed myself in communication with Mr. F. Galton, from whom I received a letter making suggestions as to the course to be adopted in introducing the system into New South Wales, and enumerating certain books on the subject which he considered it would be desirable that I should obtain for your information. Mr. Galton also recommended me to consult Dr. J. G. Garson, of the Identification Office, Scotland Yard. I accordingly called at Scotland Yard and saw Dr. Garson, together with Assistant-Commissioner Robert Anderson, LL.D., of the Metropolitan Police, from whom I received information on the subject, with copies of printed papers and forms in use by them. They recommended that I should procure certain publications and a complete set of the necessary instruments, which I am now doing, and I hope very shortly to be able to transmit the documents for your information together with a set of the instruments used by the police and prison authorities here. The system of the identification of criminals here appears to be working well up to this time, and it is pronounced by the Scotland Yard authorities to be a success. There would be no difficulty in working it in the colony, and it may be useful not only in the identification of criminals there, but of criminals who may subsequently leave the colony for England." Mr. Francis Galton's letter to the Agent-General says:—"The office for criminal identification on the new method is in Scotland Yard under the charge of Dr. Garson. It is only just fully started, if, indeed, it is so; but Dr. Garson has instructed warders at all the gaols in measuring and in finger printing. The returns of these for all convicts about to be released are and have been for some months sent to him, but owing to delays in fitting and furnishing his office the classification of the returns is only beginning. You will, of course, consult him." Mr. Galton gives a list of books and papers on the subject which he recommends the Agent-General to procure, and says:—"It would also be very important that whoever may have to take charge of the system in New South Wales should himself thoroughly learn the art of measuring, &c., either here or in Bengal; that great weight should be given to the advice of Mr. E. N. Henry, Inspector-General of Police in Bengal; and that the more minute and difficult measurements used in Paris should be disregarded, as the finger print method wholly and with great facility supersedes and improves on them."

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN SYDNEY.

CROWDED STREETS AND MUCH HILARITY.

If Christmas Day is only half a holiday and not quite half a sacred festival, there is no such uncertainty about New Year's Day. Given seasonable weather, it is perhaps one of the most genuine and heartily enjoyed days of rejoicing in the whole calendar, and even a forbidding sky cannot damp the enthusiasm with which everyone hails the opening of a new year. Indeed, New Year's Eve is to many just as important as the day it ushers in, and thousands make merry from December to January without indulging in a prolonged saturnalia of pleasure. It was so yesterday. The whole town seemed to be in a few city streets and the shops were crowded with eager buyers who found that there was still something wanting to make the happiness of the old year complete. All day the "block" was thronged, and the people overflowed into the roadways or exchanged greetings in knots in defiance of the transit regulations. As night came on the crowds became denser and denser, and shortly after 8 o'clock George-street was almost impassable. Slow-moving processions perambulated the thoroughfare, and the public happiness found expression in blasts from tin trumpets, the squeaking of rattles, and other unmistakable signs of deep exhilaration. But these, though conspicuous features, were not too painfully oppressive, and the majority of people seemed to take a sober pleasure in simply parading the streets and waiting for the clocks to clang out the birth of the new year. But the time of waiting was by no means without life and colour. Many shops and public buildings were decorated by Chinese lanterns, which cast picturesque shadows on the moving throngs below and gave to the streets an appropriate air of festivity. And the general tone of rejoicing was not marred by any serious outbreaks of rowdyism, and after midnight the crowds imperceptibly melted away, so that before 1 o'clock the city was scarcely less lifeless than on an ordinary night.

GEORGE-STREET.

Under ordinary circumstances, when business is fairly bright and the metropolis is not suffering from the effects of troublous times in the interior of the colony, George-street is always regarded as one of the market thoroughfares of the city. Its length is remarked by all visitors to Sydney, for the business portion of the street extends from Circular Quay to the Newtown junction, a distance of upwards of two miles, and nearly all the way, on either side, are business premises exposing all sorts of goods for sale. On Saturday nights the scene in George-street is always lively, for most of the suburban people find in it the avenue by which they can obtain easy access to the best markets. But on New Year's Eve George-street is a more varied scene. There were to be observed yesterday afternoon all the kaleidoscopic excitement of an ordinary Saturday panorama. The crowd was dense all along the way—there was no chance for the hurried pedestrian to make his way on the sidewalk. He had to step out into the roadway if he really wanted to hurry. The people who promenaded the streets during the afternoon were not, generally speaking, pleasure-seekers.

In the evening George-street was thronged, but the crowd was a comparatively quiet one. Occasionally little differences occurred between men who had lingered longer than was wise at the hotels; but the people who had come out to see and be seen were not greatly incommoded by these little squabbles, and the police were not kept very busy. After the shops closed and most of the quieter folk had gone home there were the parades of alleged singers and instrumentalists that are always to be looked for on a New Year's Eve. They promenaded the streets in strong parties, but did nothing worse than the making of "night hideous."

PITT-STREET.

For an ordinary evening lounge or promenade Pitt-street is perhaps not so popular as George-street, which is the main thoroughfare for pleasure as well as business, but during the period of holiday-making the former avenue of traffic exhibits quite as much bustle and excitement, for the simple reason that there is a greater amount of concentration. This was abundantly apparent last night, for while there was only a small stream of pedestrians between Hunter and King streets, where nothing intervened but the brilliancy of Martin-place to relieve the sombre appearance of closed offices and warehouses, between the latter thoroughfare and Market-street Pitt-street was thronged, and as the night wore on the overflow which found its way through the Strand and the Royal and Imperial arcades very materially increased the volume of people, who walked to and fro covering the same ground over and over again with a regularity which to an impartial observer seemed somewhat monotonous. But it seems to be the correct thing to do on New Year's Eve, and no sufficient reason has yet been advanced why the residents of the city and suburbs should not assemble on great occasions and peregrinate to their hearts' content or until their feet are sore. Unfortunately, very little effort is made to adhere to any systematic "rule of the road" while enjoying this style of outing, and hence there was a good deal more bustling and crushing than there need have been, especially when the ranks of the Pitt-street promenaders were recruited from the "arcadians." Good temper, however, seemed to prevail as the seasonable characteristic of the crowd, though attention would frequently be directed to the doings of a number of youths in various localities who, either on foot or perched upon omnibuses, were anticipating the advent of the New Year long before it was due by a concatenation of vile sounds which, if they had no other recommendation, were certainly given *con spirito*. As for the effect, the efforts of these young bloods, no doubt, tickled the ears of the groundlings; but to those attuned to the harmony of sweet sounds they were hideous. Every conceivable instrument that could emit a discordant sound appeared to be brought into play, and when these were not be had the self-appointed celebrants of New Year's Eve combined to strain their vocal chords in a manner that threatened to split them. About half-past 9 o'clock the confusion in front of the Strand and Imperial arcades was so great that it was decided to close them to the public, and this was accordingly done, but not without considerable difficulty, owing to the pressure from within and without. Between 10 and 11 o'clock Pitt-street showed a very appreciable diminution in the number of pedestrians, and half an hour later the thoroughfare was occupied for the most part by the enthusiasts who were determined to see the old year out and the new in. When the city clocks tolled out the hour of midnight those of the revellers who had sufficient energy left for that purpose welcomed the dawning year with another impromptu burst of discord which was maintained for a considerable time.

KING-STREET.

In this thoroughfare the noisy celebration of New Year's Eve was principally confined to the space between Pitt and George streets, and here, during the greater part of the night, the rowdy element practically had possession of the southern side of the street. There was a great crush at the intersection of Pitt-street, which extended as far as George-street, and before 10 o'clock it was deemed prudent to close the arcade against further traffic. Though the use of the road for pedestrian purposes was very risky, large numbers of persons were compelled to leave the footways to get along at all, and the constant clanging of the tram bells sufficiently indicated the congested condition of the street. Occasionally a section of some "push" would pass along blowing tin trumpets, whistles, &c., or trying to sing a verse of some popular melody, the result being anything but pleasing. Some of the rowdies, too, had secured a stock of Chinese crackers, and these, as opportunity offered, were ignited and dropped in the middle of the crowd with startling effect. After 10 o'clock those of the public who were merely strolling along King-street to enjoy the excitement began to start for home, and long before midnight the thoroughfare was left to a comparatively small remnant, who considered it to be a duty to welcome the new year in in as uproarious a fashion as possible.

THE ARCADES.

The arcades, in proportion to their size, were thronged more thickly than the streets. In the public thoroughfares it was possible, by walking on the extreme edge of the swaying crowd, to obtain a comfortable journey, but in the arcades this was in no way possible. Once in these structures one had simply to allow himself to be carried along by the press which was on all sides, and to obey its slightest movements no matter in what direction they tended. The familiar instruments of ear torture attained their full volume in the arcades, from whose walls the blasts of trumpets, whistles, and fog horns resounded with redoubled force. It was in the Strand Arcade that the press was the heaviest. From 8 to half-past 9 o'clock it was useless to attempt to stand at the various shops to gaze at the wares for sale. The crowd simply refused to allow this to be done. Those who insisted were quickly taken in hand and hustled along in such a rough manner as to convince them that it was better to yield to superior force. Matters became so bad at the latter hour that the management of the Arcade wisely decided to close the entrances. For an emergency of such a kind everything had been prepared, so that when the word was given the gates were simply lowered. A wicket was opened at each end, and through these the people passed forth with little ceremony. In the Sydney Arcade the people, though at no time so numerous as in the Strand, were still sufficiently imbued with the spirit of New Year's Eve to keep matters lively all through the evening till closing time at 11 o'clock, while in the Imperial and Royal Arcades the crowds, though smaller, behaved in a similar fashion. The utmost good humour was shown on all sides, and although many rough blows must have accidentally been given the police had in no case cause to interfere.

IN THE DOMAIN.

Possibly at no period of the year did the Domain present a more deserted appearance than it did between 8 and 9 o'clock last night. From Mrs. Macquarie's Chair to the entrance near St. Mary's Cathedral hardly a person was to be seen. Later in the evening the visitors were more numerous, but, taken on the whole, the Domain was virtually deserted.

THE CITY PARKS.

Hyde Park presented an animated appearance. The various pathways between Elizabeth and College streets, for a time in the earlier part of the evening, resembled one of the busier streets in the heart of the city, so numerous were the people crossing. The whole of the seating accommodation was monopolised, and many persons who sought the quiet of the park for rest failed to obtain a seat. Ordinarily Hyde Park is noted for the number of unemployed who loiter under the spreading trees, but last night that section seemed to have been entirely obliterated and a better dressed and more jovial crowd had taken their place. Cook and Phillip Parks were but poorly patronised, and the number in Belmore Park was not considerable.

CIRCULAR QUAY.

From a little past 7 o'clock last night the number of persons who landed at the wharfs along Circular Quay seemed to be countless. As each succeeding steamer of the North Shore Ferry Company reached Sydney and poured its passengers on the Quay it appeared as if the whole of the North Shore residents were deserting their suburb. This stream of visitors continued unabated until 8 o'clock, when the traffic returned to its normal state until the return journey was commenced some hours later. The boats of the Manly Co-operative and the Port Jackson Companies also had their carrying capacity well tested, and each company contributed to the prevailing animation by a band playing on its wharf. A fair contingent arrived from Mosman's Bay, and Watson's Bay also supplied a limited number.

DARLING HARBOUR.

A spectator standing at the top of Erskine-street last evening would have entertained the idea that some epidemic or other calamity was causing the residents of Balmain to leave their homes with all possible haste. The influx of visitors was not only heavy, but it appeared to be more protracted than was the case at the Circular Quay. The passenger traffic at the Parramatta River wharf, although larger than on an ordinary occasion, was not excessive. This was apparently attributable to the distance of the various stopping-places from the city.

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY TRAFFIC.

Residents along the suburban railway lines mostly remained in their own suburbs last night instead of running into the city to honour the advent of the New Year. In consequence the traffic was light and not greater than on an ordinary night. Compared with last year there was a falling-off.

The tramways did better, but even with them the traffic was not as large as might have been expected on such a fine evening. It is thought to be about equal in volume to that of a good Saturday night.

DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

It has always been a time honoured custom to see the old year "out" and the new one "in," and last night it was observed as religiously as ever. The great masses of people who had paraded the streets earlier in the evening had naturally diminished considerably as the hour drew on towards midnight; but there were still great numbers about George-street and Martin-place a few minutes before the birth of the first hour of 1896. Although there was a great deal of laughing and shouting and horn-blowing before the eventful moment that the hands verged on the hour, there was, if not a solemn hush, at any rate a pause as if the people realised that the flight of time is not altogether a jesting matter. Then, as the strokes from a dozen towers rang out there was a lusty cheer, renewed again and again as 1895 was despatched down "the ringing grooves of change." At the same moment every steamer and vessel in the harbour that could boast any sort of noise-producing instrument set to work with a will, the bells of the sailing vessels rang sixteen peals, and wild and confused hubbub, expressive of welcome, filled all the air, and as the night was fine and clear the new year may be said to have come in under the most auspicious conditions.

THE EXODUS OF THE CROWDS.

The large numbers of persons who assembled in the main thoroughfares during the evening to witness the birth of the year 1896 commenced to make their homeward journeys almost immediately after the excitement of the moment had passed. The whole of the church services were concluded by 12.15 a.m., and throngs of worshippers were to be seen in all directions hurrying towards their homes. In order to meet the convenience of those celebrating the occasion the Railway Commissioners ran a number of special trams to the various suburbs.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral last night the service began at 11.15. It was the shortened form of Evening Prayer, but there was a fairly large choir, and Mr. Noble presided at the organ. Dr. Stanton (the Bishop of Newcastle) was the preacher. He chose for his text the words of the 5th verse of the 143rd Psalm, "I remember the times past." Eloquently he detailed he lessons which the past year have made plain to all who wish for intellectual and spiritual profit. The human memory, he pointed out, was a complete picture gallery, which, if turned to its fullest and best advantage, could not fail to educate and enlighten. That enlightenment necessarily envolved the remembrance not only of brighter phases of the past year, but also recollections of the many incidents with which all could reproach themselves, for in everyone's copy-book blotted pages could be found. Turning from the question of the shortcomings of everyone, the preacher pointed out that forgiveness was open to all, and impressed upon his hearers that the beginning of the New Year should mark in their lives a new epoch. The watch-night service at the Centenary Hall was preceded by a large and successful open-air meeting opposite the Town Hall. The Central Methodist Mission Brass Band, under Bandmaster Huegill, rendered a number of hymns and anthems, and several testimonies were given. The service at the Centenary Hall, commenced at 11 o'clock. The body of the spacious hall was packed, fully 600 or 700 persons being present. The lesson—the 91st Psalm—was read by Evangelist Barthgate, and among those who occupied seats on the dais were the evangelists and sisters connected with the mission, as well as the leader of the orchestra (Mr. W. I. B. Mote). The address, which was an impressive one, was delivered by the Rev. Rainsford Bavin, superintendent of the mission.

Only the principal Roman Catholic churches held special services yesterday to mark the advent of the New Year. At St. Mary's Cathedral a service, consisting of a rosary, a Te Deum of thanksgiving, and the Benediction, was held. In the Congregational Church, Newtown; St. Nicholas' Church, Coogee; St. Simon and St. Jude's, Campbell-street; St. Barnabas', George-street West; and in other churches watch-night services were held, commencing at 11 o'clock. In the Wesleyan churches in Newtown, Tempe Park, Camdenville, Botany, North Botany, and other suburbs special addresses were delivered and prayers were offered.

A service was commenced in St. Augustine's Church, Neutral Bay, at 11.30, and Holy Communion was celebrated at 12.15, when the Rev. North Ash delivered a New Year's address. The Rev. S. H. Childe conducted watch-night service in St. Thomas', North Sydney; and in St. Mary's, Waverley, the New Year was welcomed by similar services.

The Salvation Army meetings were well attended. In addition to the meeting in the Goulburn-street Barracks, the small outlying districts held meetings in honour of the occasion.

About 250 members of the congregation of the Sussex-street Mission Church attended the watch-night services. The devotional portion of the proceedings was conducted by Evangelist Liddle, and a number of appropriate hymns were sung. The pastor of the church (Mr. George Lewis) delivered an earnest discourse, in the course of which he referred to the forward movement in connection with the Christian Churches.

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INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET.

VICTORIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.

NEW SOUTH WALES WINS BY 123 RUNS.

GOOD ALL-ROUND DISPLAY OF CRICKET.

REMARKABLE BOWLING BY M'KIBBIN.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded to-day. The weather was fine and bright, and the attendance slightly larger than on the previous day. The takings were £170, making a total of £1181, or £458 more than last year. To bring the match to a termination play started at 11 o'clock to-day, and was finished shortly after 5, the visitors being loudly cheered at the termination for their good all-round display of cricket. When the stumps were drawn yesterday, Kelly 53, M'Kibbin 4, were the not-out men, and they resumed play to the bowling of A. Trott and R. M'Leod. Careful play resulted in the addition of a few singles, and M'Kibbin in a rash moment hit M'Leod into the hands of Harry at mid-off. 9-10-330. Howell appeared as last man, and having scored a single off M'Leod was bowled by Trott. 10-1-331. Kelly carried out his bat for 58, secured by admirable play, and was worthily cheered on returning to the pavilion.

At a quarter to 12 the Victorians commenced their second innings, with some hope of overhauling the New South Wales score, although the task was a formidable one. Bruce and Harry were sent in with 382 looming before them as score to be attained for victory. M'Kibbin bowled to Bruce, who cut the first prettily for 3, and Harry managed 2 with a cut off the same bowler. Harry was then clean-bowled by M'Kibbin. 1-3-8. H. Trott then joined Bruce, and played the remainder of M'Kibbin's over most cautiously, there being too much break in it for incautious treatment. He opened well with a nice cut for 3 off Richardson, subsequently getting another 3 off the much-dreaded M'Kibbin. When the score had risen to 21 Howell was put on instead of M'Kibbin, and was soon sent to leg for 3 by Bruce, who began to open his shoulders and provoke cheers. Garrett posted M'Kibbin at the other end to bowl, a move which subsequent events proved to be good generalship. Bruce cut him and tried a run, which would have spelt disaster had not Walters failed to return the ball smartly. Both batsmen now seemed set, and hit out merrily, to the entire satisfaction of the spectators. The first 4 was got by Trott hitting M'Kibbin to the fence, and with a single by Bruce 50 appeared on the board. Bruce then cut M'Kibbin to the fence amidst cheers, and Donnan was sent to relieve Howell. Garrett, who replaced M'Kibbin, was cut to leg for 2, followed by a second cut for 4. Trott also scored off Garrett, whose over added 9 to the number on the board. Bruce, with his score at 47, gave M'Kibbin a chance in slips, but it was missed, and then by nice play he raised his score to 50, cheers following. With the total at 81 Richardson took Garrett's place, and was cut for 1 by Trott, and sent to the fence for 4 by Bruce. The pair managed to steal several singles, and won general admiration, Bruce especially showing a determination to run the numbers up. Donnan and Richardson gave Bruce opportunities which were gladly availed of, several threes and a single being secured. 100 appeared in quick time, of which Bruce had contributed 70 by brilliant play.

After luncheon Trott fell a prey to M'Kibbin's fourth ball. 2-27-102. Graham came out encouraged by cheers, and Bruce resumed the scoring by hitting Howell to mid-on, and each batsman having stolen some singles, Bruce drove Howell and M'Kibbin in turn to the fence. Later on Graham narrowly escaped being run out, the fault lying with M'Kibbin. He then cut the latter for 2, and in the following over M'Kibbin recovered the wicket he had missed by getting Graham out leg before. 3-16-138. The Victorian supporters began to despair, and A. E. Trott was sent to the rescue, and had scored but 1 when the excellent innings of Bruce came to a sudden and unexpected termination, he being cleverly stumped by Kelly off M'Kibbin. He retired, loudly cheered. 4-90-141. Laver was the next man, and, seeing the dangerous character of M'Kibbin's screws, he played with a caution that irritated the spectators. Runs came very slowly, and probably exasperated by the reproaches of the crowd, Trott tried a dashing game, which proved fatal, as he skied M'Kibbin and was caught easily at mid-off by M'Kenzie. 5-11-154. Trumble became associated with Laver, but things did not improve, and M'Kibbin's bowling scared the batsmen.

At the 4 o'clock adjournment the score stood at 204 for five wickets, and the interval proved a disastrous one, for only 1 run had been scored when Trumble was caught at cover-point by Mackenzie off M'Kibbin. He gained his 26 by nice play. With the total at 205 C. M'Leod went in and soon gave a chance by skying a ball, which Donnan missed, owing to the sun being in his eyes. Subsequently Howell bowled him. 7-6-212. R. M'Leod followed, and that the procession to the pavilion might be maintained, Laver was beautifully caught by M'Kibbin off his own bowling. 8-29-270. R. M'Leod was then associated with Lewis and made an effort to put on runs, hitting out freely, but he soon met his doom, being cleaned bowled by Howell. 9-12-234. Roche was last man. Lewis tried his best to increase the score and quickly made 19, but in running out to one from M'Kibbin, was clean bowled. 10-19-258. Roche carried out his bat for 6. The general opinion was that the victory was largely due to M'Kibbin's remarkably good bowling.

After the match the teams met over a glass of wine, and Mr. Frank Grey Smith congratulated the winners on their victory. The New South Wales captain, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to play against Harry Trott, whose courtesy to visitors was proverbial. He acknowledged the fine spirit in which his team had worked, and the manner in which they had carried out every suggestion he had made to them. Mr. Briscoe, manager of the team, also spoke in acknowledgment of the toast, and said he was glad to notice the keen interest taken in the match. Harry Trott, in responding for his side, said that while he was not at all fond of M'Kibbin's bowling, still, after he had got over the disappointment of being bowled, he admired it greatly. It was always a consolation to him under such circumstances to remember that the men who had beaten them, as M'Kibbin and Donnan had done in this case, were Australians. The following are the full scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

Donnan, bowled Harry	160
Mackenzie, c H. Trott, b Albert Trott	46
Iredale, c Albert Trott, b Trumble	31
Richardson, c H. Trott, b C. M'Leod	76
Walters, c Trumble, b C. M'Leod	2
Gould, c C. M'Leod, b A. Trott	14
Youll, hit wkt, b A. Trott	34
M'Kibbin, run out	0
Garret, c Laver, b A. Trott	5
Howell, c Bruce, b A. Trott	20
Kelly, not out	7
Sundries	12
Total	407

Bowling Analysis.—Roche, 114 balls, 54 runs, 3 maidens; H. Trott, 210 balls, 75 runs, 12 maidens; Chas. M'Leod, 252 balls, 55 runs, 20 maidens, 2 wickets, 1 wide; Harry, 126 balls, 45 runs, 8 maidens, 1 wicket; Laver, 42 balls, 9 runs, 8 maidens; Bruce, 42 balls, 21 runs; Trumble, 192 balls, 86 runs, 15 maidens, 1 wicket; Albert Trott, 210 balls, 97 runs, 11 maidens, 5 wickets; R. M'Leod, 36 balls, 23 runs, 1 maiden.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

Bruce, b Howell	26
Harry, b Howell	16
A. Trott, c Richardson, b Gould	13
H. Trott, b Richardson	66
Graham, c Gould, b M'Kibbin	102
Laver, c Richardson, b M'Kibbin	22
Trumble, b M'Kibbin	6
C. M'Leod, run out	12
Lewis, c M'Kibbin, b Howell	17
R. M'Leod, not out	56
Roche, b Howell	11
Sundries	9
Total	357

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 312 balls, 127 runs, 15 maidens, 4 wickets, 3 no balls; Richardson, 126 balls, 61 runs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket; Howell, 237 balls, 67 runs, 8 maidens, 3 wickets; Gould, 54 balls, 22 runs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket; Garrett, 42 balls, 31 runs; Donnan, 30 balls, 9 runs, 2 maidens; Youll, 12 balls, 9 runs.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

H. Donnan, st Lewis, b A. E. Trott	46
A. C. M'Kenzie, b A. E. Trott	19
F. Iredale, c H. Trott, b Roche	21
W. A. Richardson, b C. M'Leod	5
F. Walters, c Trumble, b R. M'Leod	63
G. Youll, run out	3
J. Gould, c Lewis, b R. M'Leod	16
J. J. Kelly, not out	58
T. W. Garrett, c Bruce, b A. E. Trott	70
M'Kibbin, c Harry, b R. M'Leod	10
Howell, b A. E. Trott	1
Sundries	13
Total	331

Bowling Analysis.—A. E. Trott, 236 balls, 94 runs, 8 maidens, 4 wickets; R. M'Leod, 168 balls, 37 runs, 9 maidens, 3 wickets; H. Trott, 78 balls, 35 runs, 3 maidens, 0 wickets; Trumble, 96 balls, 33 runs, 5 maidens, 0 wickets, 2 no balls; C. M'Leod, 168 balls, 53 runs, 11 maidens, 1 wicket; Roche, 78 balls, 38 runs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket; Harry, 12 balls, 10 runs, 0 wickets; Bruce, 18 balls, 10 runs, 1 maiden, 0 wickets.

VICTORIA.—Second Innings.

Bruce, st Kelly, b M'Kibbin	90
Harry, b M'Kibbin	3
H. Trott, b M'Kibbin	27
Graham, lbw, b M'Kibbin	16
A. E. Trott, c M'Kenzie, b M'Kibbin	11
Laver, c and b M'Kibbin	29
Trumble, c M'Kenzie, b M'Kibbin	26
C. M'Leod, b Howell	6
R. M'Leod, b Howell	12
P. Lewis, b M'Kibbin	19
Roche, not out	6
Sundries	13
Total	258

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 237 balls, 88 runs, 10 maidens, 8 wickets; Richardson, 36 balls, 25 runs; Howell, 222 balls, 84 runs, 7 maidens, 2 wickets; Donnan, 18 balls, 19 runs, 1 maiden; Garrett, 36 balls, 14 runs, 1 maiden; Gould, 12 balls, 10 runs. Richardson bowled one wide.

NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIORS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The New South Wales Juniors won the cricket match against Fifteen Juniors of Queensland by an innings and 9 runs. The local men only scored 43 in their second innings. Colbourne took seven wickets for 17, and Jansen five for 15.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

The cricket match between New South Wales and New Zealand was resumed to-day. New South Wales were all out in their first innings for 198. Poidevin scored 54, Wade 35, Pryor 35, Noonan not out 38, and Shea 15.

New Zealand went in for their second innings, and when play ceased they had lost seven wickets for 150, Donnans run out 45, Cuff 36, Pearce not out 19, and Clarke 15, being the principal scorers. Callaway took six of the seven wickets down.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

The annual banquet in connection with the Commercial Travellers' Association of New South Wales was held last night in the Australia Hotel. The gathering was a large and brilliant one. The dining-room of the hotel presented a charming appearance. The tables were nicely decorated with flowers, and the *menu* was excellent. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Nesbitt, the president of the association. On the chairman's right were his Excellency the Governor, Lord Hampden, Mr. G. H. Reid (Premier), and Major-General Hutton. On the left of the chairman were Rear-Admiral Bridge, Alderman Lees, Mr. J. H. Young (Minister for Works), Mr. E. M. G. Eddy (Chief Railway Commissioner), Mr. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., and Mr. D. Thompson, M.L.A.

The Chairman announced that the following gentlemen had sent apologies:—The Chief Justice, Sir J. P. Abbott, Sir George Dibbs, Mr. J. H. Want (Attorney-General), Mr. J. H. Carruthers (Minister for Lands), Mr. A. J. Gould (Minister for Justice), Mr. Jacob Garrard (Minister for Public Instruction), Mr. Joseph Cook (Postmaster-General), Mr. W. Affleck (president of the Storekeepers' Association), Mr. W. J. Lyne, M.L.A., Mr. W. M. Fehon, Mr. Hicklin (president of the Queensland Commercial Travellers' Association), Mr. John Keep, Mr. W. S. Spier, Mr. David Kirkcaldie (Chief Traffic Manager), Mr. S. Hague Smith, president of the Steamship Owners' Association (Mr. H. B. Howard Smith), and Mr. Bennett, of the Sunlight Soap Company, who forwarded a cheque for 50 guineas.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," and followed with "The Health of his Excellency the Governor."

The Governor, on rising to reply, was received with loud and continued cheering. He said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have to return my sincere thanks for the great honour you have done me in drinking this toast, and also I desire to return thanks to the Hon. the Premier for the spirited way in which he led the chorus. Gentlemen, the subject of self is not an agreeable one, and upon other public matters I would remind you that I am a learner, and that I would rather if I could adopt the spirit of modesty and avoid touching upon public matters, which necessarily must be understood by others better than by myself. Your chairman has said that I have done honour to you in attending this dinner. (Cheers.) The honour, gentlemen, is on the other side. (No, no.) Well, I only can tell you that the most paramount feeling in my mind at the present moment is one of agreeable surprise in finding myself in such exclusive company. (Laughter.) I may have had ambitions at times, I may have dreamt dreams, I may have thought it might be my lot some day to entertain or be entertained by great men; but never have I supposed that I should find myself the honoured guest at an association of commercial travellers. I have always associated commercial travellers in my own mind with the best room in the inn—(laughter)—the room with the best accommodation, from which the public were judiciously and carefully excluded—(laughter)—the room where the chops were more succulent and the punch was better brewed than in any other place; and I remember once upon a time a timid host informed me when I asked him to admit me into that secret chamber that it was as much as his living was worth, because he would be boycotted if he did so. Therefore you may imagine my pleasant surprise at being your honoured guest this evening. If I may come from the light to the serious side of it, I would say that you are the pioneers of commerce, and that your association is impregnated with the genius for trade of the British people, the genius which I am glad to see has not deserted them in these Southern seas. The reason is obvious. It is that you have lived and grown in an atmosphere of freedom and self-dependence. If Great Britain's success has been great in colonisation it has been because she has left the colonies alone as far as possible, and when their condition allowed it she has given them absolute freedom of government. It is perhaps that very reason and that very policy that have created distrust and jealousy of Great Britain. We may make allowances to the political exigencies of a defeated and discarded party; but no doubt there has been a great ebullition of jealousy and distrust towards England by the United States. It is curious, because England offers peace to the world—(cheers)—inasmuch as she opens her ports to all nations. (Cheers.) I expect that if the truth were told it would be found that our cousins across the seas, in the cool of the morning of reflection, have come to the conclusion that not only would war between the United States and Great Britain be a crime against humanity, but that in quarrelling with Great Britain they would be quarrelling with their own bread and butter. Well, gentlemen, if we have some risks to encounter in our success in colonisation we have some advantages to gain, and I will say this, that, though Great Britain has naval and military stations all over the world, there are no stations so secure to her as those harbours and stations which are defended by the population of self-governing colonies. I said there was a genius for trade in the British race. It is that British people, wherever they go, show a desire to develop the resources of the country, and in every way to develop the wealth of the country in which they reside. Following upon that is the determination of England to keep what she has got and to cover her ocean-going commerce with a fighting fleet, and this has made the Empire what it is. The last 25 years has been an anxious time in Great Britain, for as the power has gradually passed to the people at large there has been a feeling on the part of some that the Government would show a disinclination to provide the necessary military and naval organisation for the defence of the shipping and commerce. That has been the idea on the part of some, because popular Governments are supposed to shun military and naval expenditure. I do not know why that should be the case, because there are no classes of the community that would be more hit by a war than the artisan and working classes. If a man thinks war will never come, and he need not provide for it, then he is deaf to the teachings of history. Some thoughts in this connection are of keen interest to Australian statesmen. Who would have said six months ago that before six months had passed a war between the United States and Great Britain would be within measurable distance, and such a measurable distance that only a spark was needed to set going a fierce conflagration? The working classes of Great Britain have seen that it is vital to their interests and vital to the manufactures and commerce of Great Britain that they should have an adequate fighting force. What is true of Great Britain is true of Australia. You have an arrangement by which you have an adequate fleet in these seas. I trust that while that arrangement may be liable to extension it may not be liable to restriction. Well, gentlemen, I am afraid I have detained you too long—("No, no,")—but I would conclude by saying this: There are here men who pursue economy, and rightly so, in the administration of the naval and military forces of this colony. They should remember, if I may remind them, that economy and efficiency might both be conserved by the federation of the forces of the four principal Australian colonies. I urge that strongly, because I believe it may be effected within a very short period of time. If it could be effected it would serve a great deal to increase the efficiency of the forces. It would bind the colonies, and, last but not least, it would found the spirit of nationality which would lead the way to that larger federation without which I do not believe that Australia will ever gain the place and influence due to her position and resources.

Mr. Dugald Thompson, M.L.A., proposed "The Army and Navy." Both services, he said, entered dearly into the hearts of the English people. The navy had never failed to do its duty, and the army had been great in glorious deeds. We had a small army here, and Major-General Hutton had done his best to reorganise our forces. His great object had been to benefit the colony. Admiral Bridge had also done good work. He trusted, in view of later political developments, that when the armies of America and England sought victories they would not do so at each other's expense. (Cheers.) It would be far better to foster commerce, and live at peace with all men.

Admiral Bridge, in response, said that he regarded it as a great compliment that his health should be drunk in this company. There was, he thought, a great similarity between commercial travellers and the maritime service. The service probably went to places unknown to the "commercial." When it came to the time for the commercial to visit the Antarctic he would probably find that one of the British ships had been there before him. (Laughter.) The association had at heart the maintenance and expansion of commerce; that was the great object of the British navy. (Cheers.) The protection of the English commerce in recent wars had been so successful that the loss had been no more than was the case in very unusual stormy weather. Never was Great Britain so strong as now. No possible combination of her enemies could do any damage to the British Empire or its trade. He grieved with others at the departure from our shores of Major-General Hutton. He felt that he was in no small degree in Major-General Hutton's debt, and he should much regret his removal. He desired to add that he had now been in command of the Sydney station for 12 months, and he had met with no friction. He had, on the contrary, been overwhelmed with hospitality and kindness, and in nowhere more than in his own station of Sydney. (Cheers.)

Major-General Hutton, who was received with applause, said that he would like to make it plain that he recognised no difference between the British troops and the troops here. A British officer was the same here, in Canada, South Africa, or in the old country. He recognised no difference between the military officers here and those in England, or in those which had been sent from Australia to India for military educational purposes. He had been complimented, but he wanted to point out that any credit for efficiency was due not only to himself, but to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men in the ranks. He desired to allude to the great savings which had been effected lately; pay had been reduced, and rigid economy had been effected. That had been carried out by means of the hearty co-operation of all the forces. It was said that we lacked patriotism in this colony, but he desired to mention that within the last three months the Government had approved of volunteer reserves. The men got no pay, but they guaranteed to fight in case of emergency. There had already been enrolled 1800 men, and he soon expected to have more men than the service knew what to do with. In the military forces of the present the colony had in embryo a force which in future years would be a power for good or for evil; but any praise for efficiency should be given not to him only, but to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the whole of the forces.

Mr. R. Bennetts proposed "The Ministry and Parliament." He said that in their association they did not know politics, but it was their custom to do honour to the Premier and the Ministers for the time being. His own leanings were with the present Ministry. For brilliant execution and elaborate design he had known no better Government. (Cheers.) There was room for more domestic legislation in this colony, and he hoped that the present Government would bear this in mind. The Government was a good one, and he had much pleasure in proposing the toast.

The Premier said the only objection he had in making a speech on the present occasion was that it reminded him of Macquarie-street. He looked forward each year to this annual celebration. Each year he found this banquet a more pronounced success. A great deal of that success was no doubt due to the special day on which this celebration was held. With regard to the recent speeches, he agreed that they must all feel glad that the old country had sent to us such men as Admiral Bridge and Major-General Hutton (Cheers.) And they all agreed with Major-General Hutton that there was no difference between Imperial and colonial commands. Regarding the Government, he recognised that the country had passed through a time of great difficulty. The whole of the commercial interests must have suffered owing to the prolonged and disastrous uncertainty with regard to the financial future of the colony. Whatever our individual opinions might be, we must all feel thankful that that uncertainty was now at an end. He looked forward with confidence to the new year, which would usher in the policy of freetrade and of free commerce. (Loud cheers.) He rejoiced that the flag of New South Wales would take its place beside the flag of the mother country, and he gloried that the morrow would usher in fearless trust in liberty, peace, and goodwill towards mankind. He agreed that it was time that we looked beyond the limits of our own colony. Looking back on the past year it had been one of great political changes. In the East, where there had been marvellous changes, they noticed the probable fall of Turkey; in Africa there was a rising of the powers; and our usually level-headed cousins across the sea were now ready to plunge into a war which he believed would be the most wanton and disastrous of the present century, and what for? For a few leagues of fever-breeding jungle, to which no man in any of the States would consign his pet dog. (Laughter and cheers.) But, happily, beyond the stratagems of political parties, there lay a reserve force of common sense in the Anglo-Saxon race. Regarding the proposed federation of the Australian colonies, we saw a united Britain, a united Canada, and we ought soon to see a united Australia. They would have noticed the readiness of the Australasian Parliaments to set this movement on a more popular basis. They would take that as a happy augury. He not only looked upon it as a matter of mutual benefit and brotherly feeling; it was now becoming a necessity. He had never alluded to the military aspect of the question. He had been desirous that the colonies should unite calmly and deliberately without any foreign influence or threat; but he said this as a student of events which were passing, that if we did not choose a time when we could unite calmly and deliberately the time must come when we must be driven to come together by the shock of foreign danger. He hoped to see federation come to pass without any threat to our liberty—come to pass in a time of peace. The greatest political triumph would be a firm, fair, and friendly uniting of these great Australian colonies. Something had been said with regard to the need for domestic legislation. He quite agreed with this, and he hoped that next session would be as memorable as the last, only in another sense.

Mr. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, in reply to calls, briefly responded to the toast. He had to deal with the roads and bridges over which they travelled in their journeyings in the country, and he trusted that lately they had found the roads and bridges in good order. He was very pleased to be present, and congratulated the association on the success of the annual gathering. The one aim of every member of the Ministry was to bring about freetrade, and thereby cause prosperity to revisit New South Wales. He trusted they would do their best to improve the trade of the country during the new year.

Mr. S. E. Lees, M.L.C., responded for the Legislative Council. He said he had only recently entered the Council, but he could say that the occupants of that Chamber were high-minded, well-meaning men. The proper working of the two Chambers was necessary to the progress of the country.

Mr. M'Millan gave the toast, "Commercial Travellers' and Kindred Associations." He said he was glad to be able to propose this toast and to escape responding for Parliament. It seemed to him that there was a peculiar significance in the fact that they rang the old year out and the new year in at their dinner. There were two classes of people in the world—the optimists and the pessimists. Well if they wanted sanguine men on the face of God's earth, let them go to the commercial travellers. Like the Apostle Paul the commercial traveller had to be all things to all men. They did not wish to introduce politics into their avocation, but he was perfectly certain that in the year to come the commercial traveller would be equal to the occasion. If a man was a protectionist the commercial traveller would be ready to tell him that the time was soon coming when the duties would be put on again just as he was ready last year to tell freetraders that the duties must soon be taken off. A great change had taken place in the conditions of life, and a great deal of the old romance had gone. In the days gone by the commercial traveller was a mystical and interesting person. In the early life of the colony there were three very interesting classes of persons. First came the pioneer settler, next came the bushranger, and then came the commercial traveller. (Laughter.) There was a certain amount of sympathy between the last two, though they did their business on different lines. The one was apt to give too long credit; the other was for cash on delivery. (Laughter.) He believed the association was one of great usefulness. It had two objects—first, to dignify its members and to create an honest *esprit de corps*; and in the second place, to gain respect for its members with the rest of the community. The commercial travellers had done a great deal to improve the hotel accommodation in the country. Besides that there had been a higher moral development in the commercial travellers during the last 25 years, and the commercial traveller was now a highly-trained business man, fit for any position in life. He was pleased to state that all the kindred associations were well represented.

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

Mr. J. F. Flockhart, president-elect of the association, in responding, said he felt it to be advisable to allude to the objects of the society. They might be classed as pleasurable and provident. To establish a club and to institute an annual dinner were grouped under the first heading. To protect the widow and orphan; and to care for the aged and destitute constituted the latter, while sandwiched in between the two they had to ensure proper accommodation on the road and to protect the interests of the body generally. In the club it was a treat for kindred spirits to find a comfortable lounge in the metropolis after their journeyings. For those who had shared the crude fare of the back-blocks shanty together, roughed the ills of bush travelling, and tired, laid down to sleep, but found instead of rest, heat, discomfort, and mosquitoes. The city home, the hearty handshake, and the cheery fare, were more than welcome. The annual dinner was a kindly sentiment. It was that once a year they should gather round the festive board, opponents in business but strong in friendship. They took the credit for bringing together annually a brilliant and representative company of busy men. While they rejoiced at the success of the dinner and appreciated the comfort of the club, they recognised that the association together was for more lasting benefits, and that it behoved them to set aside something for the rainy day that may come in the winter of life. Therefore a traveller in his prosperity should subscribe liberally to a society founded for mutual help and profit, so that he would be under no compliment in accepting from its storehouse in the hour of need. They hoped to see a comfortable home established for the worthy aged and incapacitated, and also a room endowed by the society in connection with one of the hospitals, where their sick and injured could recover health and strength. He referred to two of their late prominent friends who were with them at the last dinner, and who have gone from them for ever. The late Sir Robert Duff proposed the toast of the Commercial Travellers' Association last year, and only last month they followed the remains of their dear old friend, Robert L. Cunningham to his last resting-place. The report showed a very gratifying increase of membership, and the finances, if not flourishing, show that they had made good progress in the year.

Mr. Myers, of the Victorian Commercial Travellers' Association, also responded to the toast. As far as the commercial travellers were concerned federation was a fact. He was glad to find that the Premier of this colony was leading the way.

Mr. David Story, M.L.A., proposed the toast of "The Visitors." They offered to their visitors a warm welcome that came from genial hearts. It must be gratifying to the association to find the leading men of the country taking an interest in the gathering. It also showed that the legitimate claims of commerce were being recognised. They were glad to see the Mayor present closing his year of office among them, an office he had filled in a highly satisfactory way. For nearly eight years Mr. Eddy, the Chief Railway Commissioner, had by his courtesy won the hearts of commercial travellers. Mr. Eddy had proved himself to be an able administrator and a great railway manager. (Cheers.) They were specially pleased to welcome Mr. Eddy. They were also glad to welcome Major-General Hutton, who was a cultured gentleman and every inch a soldier. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Eddy said that he had been asked to respond for the visitors, and he had also been requested to say something about the railways. Regarding the commercial travellers he could only say that he had always been glad to comply with their requests as they had never made unreasonable ones. He was glad that they were near the close of the year that had been an anxious one for the colony. They had passed through a series of droughts that had greatly affected the railway earnings. The wool traffic had suffered to a great extent. The total railway revenue did not show a heavy decrease, in fact there was a slight improvement, indicating that the condition of the country was generally healthy. The gross traffic of last year was £583,000 in excess of 1888. He alluded to the great importance of the pastoral industry. In 1880 the wool and live stock traffic amounted to £129,000, as against £700,000 at the present time. The growth of these items had been enormous. This showed the great wisdom of extending the railways and of doing as much as possible for these industries, and how much the extension of the railways had added to the business of our ports. Regarding general merchandise in 1891-1892 it represented £1,010,000, but it had fallen in 1895 to £911,000. He expressed the hope that in the coming year there would be a growth which would not only be a benefit to the railways, but would also indicate general improvement in business. He stated that the Commissioners had that day decided to improve the accommodation in the second-class carriages. They also desired to have electric railways and to have a uniform gauge, if not between all the colonies, at least to Melbourne. They were also in hope that the city line would be one of the things of the near future. He could only say with regard to the financial position of the railways that the Commissioners had carried out everything they had promised the Treasury, and something besides. (Applause.)

Mr. Hind, a representative of the Canadian association, also responded.

Mr. W. A. Hudson proposed "Commercial Interests." He expressed the hope that the new year would bring a full measure of prosperity to this land. The toast was honoured, but the response was omitted.

The toast of "The Press," proposed by Mr. Frederick Bull, concluded the proceedings, which ended just before midnight.

THE OLD AND THE NEW TAXATION.

The new system of taxation will come into operation to-day. The new system virtually abolishes the old tariff and substitutes therefor a land tax, an income tax, and a new tariff of Customs duties, which, however, prolongs the operation of certain specified duties that were embraced in the old tariff. The new system also continues the excise tariff of 1894, the stamp duties, the probate duties, the fees for licenses, the tax upon Chinese arriving from the other colonies or from abroad, and the composition on bank notes.

THE NEW TAXATION.

THE LAND TAX.

The land tax is one penny in the pound of the unimproved value of all lands specified in the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act, the exemption being £240.

THE INCOME TAX.

The income tax is sixpence in the pound in respect of the annual amount of all incomes exceeding £200 per annum.

THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

The Customs tariff from 1st January, 1896, is as follows:—

PERMANENT TARIFF.

	s.	d.
Spirits— On all kinds of spirits and spirituous compounds imported, and not otherwise enumerated, per proof gallon ...	14	0
(No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the underproof of any spirit of a less strength than 16·5 under proof.)		
Case Spirits—Contents of two, three, four, or five gallons shall be charged: Two gallons and under as two gallons, over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons, over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons, over four gallons and not exceeding five as five gallons.		
Bitters, essences, fluid extracts, sarsaparilla, tinctures, medicines, infusions, and toilet preparations containing—Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit, per gallon, 3s 6d; not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit, per gallon, 7s; not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit, per gallon, 10s 6d; if containing more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit, per gallon, 14s; if containing spirit overproof, to be charged as spirituous compounds, per proof gallon, 14s.		
Methylated spirit, per gallon ...	0	1
Perfumed spirits, perfumed waters, Florida water, and bay rum, per liquid gallon ...	20	0
Wines, sparkling, for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints ...	10	0
Other kinds, per gallon ...	5	0
Other kinds, for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints ...	5	0
Beer, ale, porter, spruce, or other beer, cider, and perry—		
In wood or jar, per gallon ...	0	6
In bottle, per gallon ...	0	9
For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints per gallon ...	0	9
Tobacco— Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs bond for home consumption, manufactured, unmanufactured, and snuff, per lb. ...	3	0
Unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the colony. At the time of removal from a Customs bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, per lb. ...	1	0
Sheepwash, per lb. ...	0	3
Cigars and cigarettes (including wrappers in latter case), per lb. ...	6	0
Opium, and any preparation thereof, per lb. ...	20	0

DIMINISHING DUTIES.

	s.	d.
Candles, per lb., or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight, night lights, and stearine, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1897, per lb. ...	0	0½
From 1st July, 1899 ...	free	
Oil, kerosene, naphtha, and gasoline, per gallon ...	0	6
From 1st July, 1896, per gallon ...	0	3
From 1st July, 1897 ...	free	
Oils, except linseed oil (raw or boiled), fish and seal oils, black whale, cocoanut, sperm, palm, and essential oils, per gallon ...	0	6
From 1st July, 1896, per gallon ...	0	3
From 1st July, 1897 ...	free	

Refined Sugar.	Raw Sugar and Solid Glucose.	Molasses and Treacle—Glucose, Liquid, and Syrup.	—
Per Cwt. s d	Per Cwt. s d	Per Cwt. s d	
6 8	5 0	3 4	
5 4	4 0	2 8	From July 1, 1897
4 0	3 0	2 0	From July 1, 1898
2 8	2 0	1 4	From July 1, 1899
1 4	1 0	0 8	From July 1, 1900
Free.	Free.	Free.	From July 1, 1901

	s.	d.
Biscuits, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1898, per lb. ...	0	0½
From 1st July, 1900 ...	Free	
Confectionery (including cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats, per lb. ...	0	2
From 1st July, 1898, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1900 ...	Free	
Fruits, dried, candied, and prunes (exclusive of dates), per lb. ...	0	2
From 1st July, 1898, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1900 ...	Free	
Jams and jellies—per lb. or reputed package of that weight, and so on in proportion for any such reputed weight, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1898, per lb. ...	0	0½
From 1st July, 1900 ...	Free	
Preserves and canned fruits, fruits boiled, peel, drained or dry, per lb. ...	0	1
From 1st July, 1898, per lb. ...	0	0½
From 1st July, 1900 ...	Free	

DUTIES TO BE IN FORCE TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1896, AND NO LONGER.

	s.	d.
Butter, per lb. ...	0	1
Cement, plaster, and hydraulic lime, per barrel ...	2	0
Cheese, bacon, and ham, per lb. ...	0	2
Chicory, dandelion, and taraxicum, roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article, per lb. ...	0	6
Chocolate, plain or mixed with any other article, and chocolate creams, per lb. ...	0	4
Cornflour and maizena, per lb. ...	0	1
Cocoa prepared, paste, or mixed with any other article, per lb. ...	0	4
Coffee, roasted, ground, or mixed with any other article (except coffee essence), per lb. ...	0	6
Fish, dried, preserved, or salt, per lb. ...	0	1
Iron—Galvanised, in bars, sheet, or corrugated, per ton ...	40	0
Galvanised wire netting, per ton ...	30	0
Milk—Condensed or preserved, per lb. ...	0	1
Rice, per ton ...	60	0
Salt, per ton ...	20	0
Sporting powder, per lb. ...	0	3
Shot, per cwt. ...	5	0
Timber—Dressed, per 100ft. superficial ...	3	0
Undressed, per 100ft. superficial ...	1	6
Doors, sashes, and shutters, each ...	2	0

THE EXCISE TARIFF.

	£	s.	d.
Colonial distilled spirits, per proof gallon ...	0	14	0
Tobacco, per lb. ...	0	1	3
Cigars and cigarettes, per lb. ...	0	2	6
Beer, per liquid gallon ...	0	0	3

THE STAMP DUTIES.

Duties on deeds or other instruments relating to transactions between living persons.

	£	s.	d.
Agreement not under seal ...	0	1	0
Bank Note.—An annual composition to be paid by banking companies in lieu of duties on promissory notes payable on demand issued by them—For every £100 and also for the fractional part of £100 of the average annual amount of such notes in circulation as certified under 4 Victoria No. 13 ...	2	10	0
Bill of exchange or promissory note—For every £25 and also for any fractional part of £25 ...	0	0	6
Bill of lading—For every bill of lading or copy thereof ...	0	0	6
Conveyance or transfer on sale of any share or shares in the stock and funds of any corporation, company, or society whatever in New South Wales—For every £10 and also for any fractional part of £10 of the consideration money therein expressed ...	0	0	6
Conveyance or transfer on sale of any property (except such stock and funds as aforesaid)—Where the amount or value of the consideration for the sale does not exceed £50 ...	0	5	0
Exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100 ...	0	10	0
For every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100 of such amount or value ...	0	10	0
Conveyance of any other kind not before charged ...	1	0	0
Draft—Payable on demand ...	0	0	1
Deed of any kind whatever not otherwise charged in this schedule ...	1	0	0
Lease.			
(1.) For any definite term or for an indefinite term of any lands, tenements, or heritable subjects—Where the consideration or any part of the consideration moving either to the lessor or to any other person shall consist of any money, stock, or security—In respect to such consideration ... The same duty as a conveyance on a sale for the same consideration.			
Where the consideration or any part of the consideration shall be any rent—In respect of such consideration—For every sum not exceeding £50 per annum ...	0	2	6
And for every £50 or fractional part of £50 per annum ...	0	2	6
(2.) Of any other kind whatsoever ...	1	0	0
Memorandum of transfer under the Act 26 Victoria, No. 9 ... The same duty as for a conveyance for the sale of lands for a like sum the consideration of such transfer.			
Policy for or against loss by fire—For every £100, and also for every fractional part of £100 insured for any term or period exceeding six calendar months ...	0	0	6
And not exceeding six months ...	0	0	3
On every renewal or continuance thereof for every £100, and for every fractional part of £100 insured for any term ...	0	0	3
Policy for any voyage or period—For every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100 so insured ...	0	0	3
On every renewal or continuance thereof for every £100 or fractional part of £100 ...	0	0	3
Policy not otherwise specified—For every £100 and for every fractional part of £100 insured ...	0	1	0
And see sections 40, 41, 42.			
Receipt given for or upon the payment of any sum of money amounting to £2 and upwards ...	0	0	2
Transfer of shares (see conveyance).			
Transfer of any run or station held under lease or promise of lease from the Crown, or of any interest therein where the declared value of the said run or station or interest or the value thereof assessed as in this Act provided shall not exceed £100 ...	0	10	0
And where such value shall exceed £100 then for every £100 and any fractional part of £100 ...	0	10	0

PROBATE AND OTHER DUTIES.

DUTIES ON THE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS.

On the probate or letters of administration to be granted in respect of any estate, real and personal, of deceased persons, or on settlement of property taking effect after death of settler:—Where the value of such estate is under £5000, 1 per cent.; £5000 and under £12,500, 2 per cent.; £12,500 and under £25,000, 3 per cent.; £25,000 and under £50,000, 4 per cent.; £50,000 and over that amount, 5 per cent.

LICENSE FEES.

The fees for licenses are as follow:—

Noxious trades, £10 per year; slaughtering, 5s per year; to distil spirits, £10 per year; to distil scents, or for any scientific purposes, £2 per year; to apothecaries for medical purposes, £2 per year; tobacco manufacturers, £5 to £200 per year (amount of fee is regulated by the quantity manufactured); tobacco vendors, 5s per year; fishermen's, 10s per year; fishing boats, £1 per year; pilots', 3l; lighters, £1; pleasure boat, 10s (sailing boats intended for hire must be examined and licensed, but these conditions do not apply to rowing boats); waterman's, 10s; business, £1 per year to occupy land on goldfields for carrying on any business; mineral, £1; miner's right, 10s per year; fuel, 2s 6d per month, 5s per quarter, £1 per year (to cut and remove for fuel only any timber above the minimum girth except cedar, beech, blackwood, Moreton Bay pine, silky oak, rosewood, red and black bean, coachwood, kurrajong, and quandong, from any Crown lands other than State forests, timber reserves, and lands specially excepted); woodcutter's, 5s per month, 15s per quarter, £3 per year; cedar, 10s per month, £6 per year; timber cutter's, class A, 10s per month, £6 per year—class B, 15s per month, £9 per year; general sawmill permit, 10s per month, £6 per year; tree permit, not less than 10s (to cut and remove from a reserve a certain number and kind of trees; the fee is fixed according to the quantity and description of trees); wattle bark, from 10s to 40s; site for sawmill, £3 for first 5 acres, and 1s for each additional acre—maximum area 10 acres (to erect a sawmill on Crown lands or reserves); agistment area, £5 for first 40 acres, and 1s for each additional acre—maximum area, 160 acres (to occupy land for the agistment of stock used for drawing timber by timber licensees or permit-holders); quarry, 10s per month, £1 per quarter, £4 per year (to dig for and remove gravel, stone, sand, clay, or similar materials, from Crown lands or timber reserves); quarrying and brickmaking permit, not less than £10 (to occupy specified portions, not exceeding one acre, of quarry, timber, or other reserves, or Crown lands, for the purpose of quarrying stone, digging, or removing brick-earth, &c.); publican's, annual fee £15 and £30; railway refreshment, £30; packet, £3 to £15 (passenger vessels under 250 tons pay £5, under 1000 tons £10, 1000 tons and over £15); booth or stand, £2 (for period for which issued); colonial wine, cider, and perry, £3; brewer's, £20 and £30; spirit merchant's, £20 and £30; distillation, brandy, £1 (only granted to a person having a bearing vineyard of not less than two acres, and the spirit distilled must only be used for fortifying wines); auctioneer's—general £15, district £2; pawnbroker's, £10; hawker's and pedler's, trading on foot, at the rate of £1 per annum; hawker's and pedler's, with pack animals or vehicles, at the rate of £2 per annum; billiard, £10; bagatelle, £10; coach and stage carriage, 5s; slaughtering, 5s.

TAX ON CHINESE.

The tax collected in respect of each Chinese arriving from any one of the other colonies or from abroad is £100.

THE OLD TAXATION.

THE SUPERSEDED CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Ale and beer, 6d per gallon in wood, 9d in bottle; aerated and mineral waters, 6d per dozen pints, 1s quarts; apparel (wearing), 10 per cent.; arrowroot, 1d per lb.; asbestos, 10 per cent. in some cases; asphalt, 10 per cent.; bacon, 2d per lb.; bags, 10 per cent.; baking powder, 1d per lb.; barley (prepared or pearl), 1d per lb., other kinds 10d per cental; baskets and basketware, 10 per cent.; beans, 10d per cental; bedsteads, 10 per cent.; beef (salt), 10 per cent.; beeswax, 1d per lb.; bicycles and tricycles, 10 per cent.; billiard tables and materials, 15 per cent.; biscuits, 2d lb.; blacking, 10 per cent.; blankets, 10 per cent.; boats, 10 per cent.; boilers, 10 per cent.; bolts, 2s per cwt.; boots and shoes, 10 per cent.; boot uppers, 10 per cent.; bottles (empty, except apothecaries'), 10 per cent.; bran, 1s per cental; brandy, 14s per proof gallon; brassware, 10 per cent.; bricks (building and fire), 10 per cent.; brushware and brooms, 10 per cent.; building materials (not otherwise enumerated), 10 per cent.; bungs, 10 per cent.; butter, 2d per lb.; calico bags, 10 per cent.; candles, 1½d per lb.; carpeting and druggeting, 15 per cent.; carriages (complete), 15 per cent.; carts and waggons, 10 per cent.; carriagemakers' materials (exclusive of tools), 10 per cent.; cartridges, 10 per cent.; cement, 2s per barrel; chaff, 6d per cwt.; chains, 10 per cent. in some cases; chalk, 10s per ton; cheese, 2d per lb.; chemical products—acetic acid, 2s 6d per gallon; sulphuric acid, 2s 6d per cwt.; tartaric acid, free; all other kinds of acids, 10 per cent.; fruit salts, 10 per cent.; glycerine, 10 per cent.; methylated spirit, 1s per gallon; essences and tinctures, duty at strength; chicory, raw 3d per lb., prepared 6d per lb.; chinaware and porcelain, 15 per cent.; Chinese goods, 10 per cent. in some cases; Chinese provisions, 10 per cent. in some cases; cider, 6d per gallon in wood, 9d in bottle; cigars and cigarettes, 6s per lb.; clocks and watches, 15 per cent.; cocoa (prepared) and chocolate, 4d per lb.; coffee (prepared), 6d per lb.; coke, 10 per cent.; colours, kalsomine, &c., mixed for use 3s per cwt., dry 1s 6d per cwt., and kalsomine 10 per cent.; confectionery, 2d per lb.; copper (rod and bar) 10 per cent., sheets 10 per cent.; cordage and rope, 3s per cwt.; cordials (not containing spirit), quarts 1s 6d, pints and smaller quantities 9d per dozen; corks and bungs, 10 per cent.; cornflour, 1d per lb.; crockeryware, 10 per cent.; currants, 2d per lb.; cutlery, 10 per cent. in some cases; dentists' tools and materials, 10 per cent.; diving-gear, 10 per cent.; doors, wood 2s each, other kinds 10 per cent.; drainpipes, 10 per cent.; drapery (not otherwise specified), 10 per cent. in some cases; drugs and apothecaries' ware, 10 per cent. in some cases; dynamite, 1d per lb.; earthenware, 10 per cent.; eggs, 10 per cent.; electric machinery or materials, 10 per cent.; engines, 10 per cent.; fancy goods, 10 per cent.; farinaceous foods, 1d per lb.; firearms, 10 per cent.; fireworks, 10 per cent.; fish (dried and preserved), 1d per lb.; floorcloth and oilcloth, 10 per cent.; flour, 1s per cental. Fruit—boiled or in pulp, 1d per lb.; bottled quarts, 2s per dozen; pints and smaller quantities, 1s per dozen; canned, 2d per lb. (fresh bananas and pineapples free); fresh fruit, other kinds, 1s per bushel; currants and raisins, 2d per lb. (dates free); other fruit, dried and candied, 2d per lb.; almonds, 1d per lb. Furniture and upholstery 10 per cent.; furs, 15 per cent.; fuse, 10 per cent. Gasfittings, 10 per cent. in some cases; gasoline, 6d per gallon; gelatine, 1d per lb; geneva and schnapps, 14s per proof gallon; gin, 14s per proof gallon; ginger (preserved), 2d per lb; girders, 10 per cent.; glass—window, looking, and plate, 10 per cent.; glassware, 10 per cent.; gloves, 10 per cent. in some cases, 15 per cent. in others; glucose, liquid and syrup, 3s 4d per cwt., solid, 5s per cwt.; glue and size, 1d per lb; goldleaf, 10 per cent.; gold (plate), 15 per cent.; granite, 10 per cent. in some cases; grease, 3s per cwt.; grindery, 10 per cent. in some cases; groats (patent), 1d per lb; gun caps, 10 per cent.; guns, 10 per cent.; hams, 2d per lb.; hardware and ironmongery, 10 per cent. in some cases; harmoniums, 15 per cent.; harness, 10 per cent.; hats and caps, 10 per cent.; hatters' materials, 10 per cent. in some cases; hay and chaff, 6d per cwt.; holloware, 10 per cent.; honey, 1d per lb.; indiarubber goods, 10 per cent. in some cases; instruments—optical, surgical, scientific, 10 per cent.; musical, 15 per cent.; iron, pig, 6d per cwt.; iron pipes, free; other castings, 10 per cent.; bolts, nuts, spikes, and screws, 2s per cwt.; chains, 10 per cent.; nails, 10 per cent.; rivets, 2s per cwt.; safes and doors, 10 per cent.; tanks, 10 per cent.; iron and steel—certain descriptions of wrought, 10 per cent.; galvanised manufactures, 3s per cwt.; galvanised hoop, galvanised sheets and bars, galvanised wire (barbed), galvanised wire (telegraphic), galvanised wire (other), 2s per cwt.; galvanised wire netting, 1s 6d per cwt.; stair material, 10 per cent.; jams and jellies, 2d per lb.; jewellery and precious stones (set), 15 per cent.; lampware, 10 per cent.; lard, 2d per lb.; lead, pipes 3s per cwt., sheet and roll 2s per cwt.; leather, 10 per cent.; limejuice in bottle, quarts 1s 6d per dozen, pints and smaller quantities 9d per dozen; liqueurs, 14s per proof gallon; lithofracteur, 1½d per lb.; machinery, agricultural, electric, 10 per cent.; engines—boilers, parts, portable, steam, 10 per cent.; sewing machine stands, weighing machines, other machinery, 10 per cent.; maize, 10d per cental; maizena and cornflour, 1d per lb; manures (other than bonedust and guano), 10 per cent.; marble, wrought (exclusive of statuary and monuments), 10 per cent.; mats and matting, 10 per cent.; mattresses, 10 per cent.; meat extract, 2d per lb.; preserved, 1d per lb.; salt beef or pork, 10 per cent.; milk, condensed and preserved, 1d per lb; millinery, 10 per cent.; molasses, 3s 4d per cwt.; monuments, 15 per cent.; mouldings, 10 per cent.; musical instruments, 15 per cent.; naphtha, 6d per gallon; oatmeal, 2s per cwt.; oats, 10d per cental; oilmen's stores, pickles, and sauces, quarts, 1s per dozen; pints and smaller quantities, 6d per dozen; other kinds of oilmen's stores, 10 per cent. in some cases; oils (in bulk), castor, china, colza, cotton seed, gasoline, kerosene, olive, petroleum, and also certain other oils, 6d per gallon; (in bottle), castor, salad, and other kinds, quarts, 1s 6d per dozen; pints, 9d per dozen; half-pints and smaller quantities, 6d per dozen; onions, 1s per cwt.; opium, 20s per lb.; organs, 15 per cent.; paints and colours, mixed for use, 3s per cwt.; dry, 1s 6d per cwt.; kalsomine, 10 per cent.; putty, 1s per cwt.; painters' materials 10 per cent. in some cases; paintings and photographs, 15 per cent.; paper, books, &c.—bags, plain 7s 6d per cwt., printed 15s per cwt.; brown and wrapping, 3s per cwt.; circulars and advertising matter, 15s per cwt.; stationery, 10 per cent.; paperhangings, 10 per cent.; peas, 10d per cental; perambulators, 10 per cent.; perfumes, 20s per gallon; perry, 6d per gallon in wood, 9d in bottle; photographic materials, 10 per cent. in some cases; pianofortes, 15 per cent.; pictures, paintings, and photographs, 10 and 15 per cent.; picture frames and mouldings, 10 per cent.; pistols, 10 per cent.; plaster and plaster of paris, 2s per barrel; plate and platedware, 15 per cent.; playing cards, 3s per dozen packs; ploughs, 10 per cent.; plough materials, 10 per cent.; porcelain, 15 per cent.; pollard, 1s per cental; pork, salt, 10 per cent.; portmanteaus, travelling bags, &c., 15 per cent.; potatoes, 6d per cwt.; powders—baking, &c., 1d per lb.; effervescing, 10 per cent.; preserves (includes canned fruit, preserved ginger, &c.), 2d per lb.; printers' materials, 10 per cent. in some cases; railway and tramway plant, 10 per cent.; raisins, 2d per lb.; rice and ground rice, 3s per cwt. and 1d per lb respectively; rifles, 10 per cent.; rum, 14s per proof gallon; saddlers' ware, 10 per cent. in some cases; saddles, 10 per cent.; safes, 10 per cent.; salt in bags, 1s per cwt.; saltpetre, 10 per cent.; sarsaparilla, duty at strength; sausageskins, 10 per cent.; schnapps, 14s per proof gallon; seeds (other than garden), 10 per cent. in some cases; semolina, 1d per lb.; sharps, 1s per cental; sheepwash, 10 per cent.; shipchandlery, 10 per cent. in some cases; shot, 5s per cwt.; silks, 15 per cent.; silver plate, 15 per cent.; slates, roofing, 10 per cent.; slabs, 10 per cent., in some cases; snuff, 3s per lb.; soap—toilet, fancy, and scented, 2d per lb.; common, 3s per cwt.; spirits—bitters, duty at strength; perfumes and perfumed water, 20s per gallon; other kinds of spirits, duty at strength; starch and starch powders, 1d per lb.; statuary and monuments, 15 per cent.; stearine, 1d per lb.; stones—building (wrought), granite (wrought), and flagging, 10 per cent.; straw, 10s per ton; sugar—raw, 5s per cwt.; refined, 6s 8d per cwt.; tanning material, 10 per cent.; tarpaulins and tents, 10 per cent.; telegraphic, telephonic, and electric materials, 10 per cent. in some cases; timber—doors 2s each, dressed 3s per 100 sup. feet; laths, 9d per 1000; palings, 1s per 100, rough 1s 6d per 100 sup. feet; sashes, 2s each; shingles, 1s per 1000; shooks and staves (empty casks and cases)—casks 10 per cent., others 1s 6d per 100 sup. feet rough, and 3s dressed; shutters, 2s each (ash, hickory, oak, sycamore, and sandalwood free); tinware, 10 per cent.; tobacco—unmanufactured, 3s per lb., if entered for local manufacture 1s per lb.; manufactured, 3s per lb.; cigars, 6s per lb.; cigarettes, 6s per lb.; snuff, 3s per lb.; tobacco pipes, 10 per cent.; toys, 10 per cent.; turnery and woodenware, 10 per cent.; varnish with spirit, 2s per gallon; without spirit, 1s per gallon; vegetables, fresh, 6d per cwt. (yams free); preserved and dried, 1d per lb.; vinegar, 6d per gallon; waggons, 10 per cent.; watches, 15 per cent.; watchmakers' tools and materials, 10 per cent. in some cases; beeswax, 1d per lb.; other than paraffin, 1d per lb. (paraffin free); wheat, 10d per cental; whisky, 14s per proof gallon; whiting and chalk, 10s per ton; wines, sparkling, 10s per gallon; other, 5s per gallon; woodenware, 10 per cent.; woollen manufactures—blankets, 10 per cent.; rugs, 15 per cent.; other not specified, 10 per cent.; zinc, 5s per cwt.

SOME HISTORICAL FACTS.

Mr. Coghlan, the Government Statistician, has embodied in the "Commerce" division of the "Statistical Register" some interesting facts bearing upon changes in the Customs tariff which have been made since the year 1870. He records that on the 22nd May, 1871, an Act was passed, by which from the 9th of March of that year the specific duties were largely increased and ad valorem duties of 5 per cent. were imposed. On the 28th of November, 1873, an Act was passed by which from the 1st January, 1874, the number of articles subject to duty was reduced, and the ad valorem duties abolished. By this Act, too, a duty was imposed on sarsaparilla containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit. On the 10th of December, 1879, the duties on spirits, spirituous compounds, and wines were increased, the necessary statute to authorise the increased duties being passed on the 6th of February, 1880. By an Act passed on the 2nd of April, 1884 (and taking effect on the 20th of February of the same year), duties were imposed on stearine and cigarettes, the duties on cigars, tobacco, and opium were increased, the limit of under-proof allowance of spirits was fixed at 16·5, and the reputed contents of cases containing spirits, beer, and wine were regulated. On the 28th September, 1886, an Act was passed by which (taking effect from the 7th of April of the same year) the number of articles on which specific duties were charged was largely increased, the ad valorem duties were reimposed, and the duty on perfumed spirits was increased. On the 1st of October, 1887 (Act passed on 8th of July, 1887), the number of articles on which specific duties were charged was reduced and the ad valorem duties abolished. On 1st May, 1887, the duties on malt and hops were abolished. On 30th March, 1887, the duties on spirits and spirituous compounds were increased, and on the same date a new schedule of specific duties at lower rates was issued. Then came the Dibbs tariff, which is to-day superseded by the Reid tariff. The Dibbs tariff was embraced in an Act which was passed on the 2nd of March, 1892. By it from the 2nd of December, 1891, the number of articles subject to specific duties was increased, and ad valorem duties of 10 and 15 per cent. were imposed. From the 1st of January, 1893, a duty of 10s per ton was imposed on pig-iron. On 1st March, 1892, the duty on tea was abolished. The Dibbs Administration made a very considerable addition to the list of goods on which specific duties were charged. Previous to their action in that respect the following goods were admitted free of duty:—

Acetic acid, aerated and mineral waters, almonds, baking powder, barley, barley (prepared or patent), beans, bran, lard, butterine and oleomargarine, plaster, chaff, chalk, colours (dry), cordage, cordials and wines not containing spirit, talm syrups, fruit, essences not spirituous, lime fruit and limejuice cordials, citronade, raspberry vinegar, aromatic vinegar, raspberry, strawberry, and other fruit acids; cornflour, farinaceous foods; fish—fish paste, meats, poultry, soups, and game, potted paste, dried or preserved; flour, flour (self-raising); fruit (peel drained or dry and almonds), fruit (bottled, not containing spirit); game (preserved), glue; green fruit, except bananas and pineapples; gelatine, glue, and size; grain and pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated—barley, beans, maize, oats, peas (dried and split), and wheat, flour, bran, pollard, and sharps, hay, chaff, and straw, onions, potatoes; grease—axle and lubricating; groats (patent), ham, (potted), hay, honey; iron—bolts, spikes, nuts, rivets, screws, bolt rings, and washers (plain or galvanised metal), pig-iron; lard, laths; lead—pipe, sheet and roll; lines, maize, maizena, meat extract, mineral waters, mushrooms preserved, oatmeal, oats; oilmen's stores, sauces and pickles, oleomargarine, onions, paints (dry colours), palings; paper—brown and wrapping, paper bags (printed), paper bags (plain); advertising matter—circulars, labels, billheads, posters, and notices, printed, enamelled or otherwise on any material, or lithographed; playing-cards, peas (dried and split), peel (drained and dry), pickles, pig-iron, plaster, playing-cards, pollard, potatoes, poultry (preserved), putty; rope, cordage; twine and lines, excepting twine for reapers and binders; sauces, sharps, shingles, size; soap, fancy, other than fancy; soups, prepared; starch and starch powder, straw, sulphuric acid, palings, laths, shingles, preserved tomatoes, fresh vegetables, preserved vegetables, vinegar, wax, wheat, whiting and chalk; and zinc, perforated or manufactured.

The articles embraced in the Dibbs 15 per cent. ad valorem list were under the Act of 1887 admitted free, and with few exceptions the articles embraced in the 10 per cent. ad valorem list were under the same Act admitted free.

EXCISE TARIFF ALTERATIONS FROM THE YEAR 1856.

SPIRITS DISTILLED WITHIN THE COLONY.—Under various Acts the excise duty on colonially-distilled spirits had been gradually raised from 2s 6d per proof gallon, imposed April, 1830, to 5s 3d in September, 1855. Under Act 29 Vic. No. 15 the excise duty was fixed at 9s 5d per proof gallon if distilled from sugar upon which Customs duties had been paid, or 10s if distilled or made wholly, or in any proportion exceeding 10 per cent. of the whole, from materials upon which no Customs duties had been paid. On 10th December, 1879, duty raised to 12s per proof gallon. On 30th March, 1887, duty raised to 14s per proof gallon.

BEER BREWED WITHIN THE COLONY.—Prior to the passing of the Act 50 Vic. No. 28 there was no excise duty on beer brewed in New South Wales. The Act defines "beer" to include ale, porter, and every other malt liquor or fermented beverage purporting to be beer, or made in imitation of beer, or malt liquor, and whether brewed wholly or in part from any other substance than malt and fixes the duty at 3d per gallon.

TOBACCO MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE COLONY.—Prior to the passing of the Act 47 Vic. No. 12 there was not any excise duty on tobacco manufactured in New South Wales. The duty was fixed at 1s per lb. on tobacco manufactured or cut in any tobacco factory. The Act also provided for the imposition of license fees to be paid by manufacturers and vendors. On 30th March, 1887, duty increased to 1s 3d per lb.

CIGARS AND CIGARETTES MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE COLONY.—The Tobacco Act of 1884 imposed an excise duty of 2s 6d per lb. on cigars and cigarettes manufactured in any tobacco factory, and the provisions as to license fees for the manufacture and sale of tobacco apply equally to cigars and cigarettes.

AMUSEMENTS.

LYCEUM—"THE MAGISTRATE."

Pinero's clever farcical comedy, "The Magistrate," a piece associated with the names of Anson and Maltby, as well as with later casts by the Brough-Boucicault Comedy Company, was revived at the Lyceum Theatre last night. The comedy was acted with much point and vivacity, all the droll situations of the play, and the many "good things" which it provides, being received with roars of laughter. It will be remembered that "The Magistrate" is founded upon the endeavours of Mrs. Posket to conceal the age of her too "forward" son Cis Farrington, whom she dresses and educates as of the age of 14 years, when in reality he is fully 19. Here, then, is Mr. Boucicault's opportunity to play the boy in Eton collar and jacket—the boy who wants someone always at his elbow older and wiser and better (off) than he is himself! Very laughable is the way in which Cis seizes upon his weak-minded stepfather Mr. Posket, dragging him away from the path of duty to an uproarious supper—for which the elder pays—and generally "showing him the ropes" to such an extent that the worthy magistrate finds himself officially lecturing his old friend Colonel Lukyn for an offence in which he and Cis were just as nearly concerned. Mr. Brough, carefully made up as a weak-looking man, with a simper and a habit of winding his fingers in his long grey whiskers, brought down the house in this scene, where the misdemeanour of supping after prohibited hours was forcibly brought home to the more or less penitent Lukyn. Mr. Titheradge showed with many comic touches the agony of Colonel Lukyn when forced to listen to a wearisome tale from two strange ladies after his best friend had been persuaded to stand outside the supper-room on a tottering balcony in the sleet and snow. Mr. Ward was the heart-broken Captain Vale, whose supper was thus untimely cut off; and Mrs. Brough amusingly depicted the characteristics of the pretty but famishing spinster, who made small work of Captain Vale's devilled oysters and champagne. Miss Watt-Tanner as Mrs. Posket played with all the requisite *aplomb*, and Mr. Carey as the hearty Mr. Bullamy marked well the contrast with his underfed-looking brother magistrate. There were a number of minor characters well put in which deserve mention—notably Mr. Hambro's Achille Blond, Mr. Dorrington's rustic Sergeant Lugg, Mr. M'Intyre's stern Inspector Messiter, and Mr. Joe Tolano's Wyke.

LATE SHIPPING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 31, C. F. Sargent, ship, from Port Pirie; Sarah Fenwick (s.), from the Richmond River; Cambusnethan, barque, from Capetown; Annie Fletcher, barque, from Port Natal; Western (s.), Elingamite (s.), Timaru (s.), Newcastle (s.), Ovalau (s.), Macleay (s.), Augusta (s.), Sophia Ann (s.), Ajax (s.), Castar (s.), Victoria (s.), from Sydney; Knight St. Michael, ship, from Capetown. Departures: December 31, Principality, ship, for Portland, Oregon, with 2549 tons coal; Devonport, barque, for Auckland, with 450 tons coal; Loch Torridon, ship, for Valparaiso, with 2908 tons coal; Bundaleer, barque, for Honolulu, with 1335 tons coal; Wendur, ship, for Valparaiso, with 2760 tons coal; Macleay (s.), for the Richmond; Augusta (s.), for Byron Bay; Ouraka (s.), for Adelaide, with 3880 tons coal; Elizabeth Graham, barque, for Timaru, with 850 tons coal; Ovalau (s.), for Auckland, via Sydney, with 450 tons coal; Omba (s.), for Melbourne, with 3800 tons coal; Isabelle, Jones Brothers, schooners, Western (s.), Timaru (s.), Newcastle (s.), Sophia Ann (s.), Sarah Fenwick (s.), for Sydney.

BRISBANE.—December 31: The Aramac, from Cooktown, called at Flattop to-day. The Burwah (s.) left Rockhampton to-day for the south. The Derwent (s.) left to-day for Rockhampton. The Duke of Westminster left to-day for London. The Duke of Devonshire left Cooktown to-day for London. The Eurimbla (s.) arrived at town on Sunday for London. The Fitzroy (s.) Maryborough to-day, bound north. The Jessie Osborne, arrived to-night from Rockhampton. The Jessie Osborne, barque, arrived at Cape Moreton to-day from Liverpool. The Kallos (s.) arrived to-day from the south. The Leura (s.) left to-day for Townsville. The Ranelagh (s.) is due at Normanton to-morrow from Cooktown. The South Australian (s.) left for the south to-day. The Tyrian (s.) left for the south to-day. The Wodonga (s.) arrived at Townsville to-day from Brisbane.

QUEENSCLIFF.—December 31, the R.M.S. Australia cleared Port Phillip Heads for Sydney at 3.10 p.m.

"DISFIGURED FOR LIFE" is the despairing cry of thousands afflicted with unsightly skin diseases. Do you realise what this disfiguration means to sensitive souls? It means isolation, seclusion; it is a bar to social and business success. Do you wonder that despair seizes on these sufferers when doctors fail, standard remedies fail, and nostrums prove worse than useless? Skin diseases are most obstinate to cure or even relieve. It is an easy matter to claim to cure them, but quite another thing to do so. CUTICURA remedies have earned the right to be called Skin Specifics, because for years they have met with most remarkable success. There are cases they cannot cure, but they are few indeed. It is no long-drawn-out expensive experiment. One shilling invested in CUTICURA SOAP will prove more convincing than a page of advertisement. In short, CUTICURA WORKS WONDERS, and its cures of torturing, disfiguring, humiliating skin diseases are simply marvellous.—[ADVT.]

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The New Year's festivities throughout the colonies include race meetings under the management of the leading turf institutions. The time-honoured reunion of Tattersall's Club will furnish a pleasant outing at Randwick; at Flemington our Victorian cousins foregather, and at Adelaide and Brisbane the "sport of kings" will be kept up; while the Ellerslie racecourse near Auckland will be *en fete* under the auspices of the local racing club. Race meetings will also be included in most of the provincial centres of population throughout Australasia.

A complaint of foul riding was lodged yesterday at Warwick Farm by J. Henkel, the rider of Olivera in the Welter Handicap, against J. Smith, who had the mount on Prodigal Son, and the matter will be dealt with by the stewards next Monday.

The programme for the trotting and race meeting to be held under the management of the Brighton Racing Club is set forth in our business columns, and it must not be forgotten that nominations close with the secretary, Mr. S. Peters, at 5 p.m. on Friday next.

A mixed programme of footracing, trotting, and pony racing will be run through at Lillie Bridge this evening, the sport commencing at 8.15.

Conee has joined the Orville Lodge string.

C. Parker has been engaged to ride The Trier in Tattersall's Cup.

The following scratchings in connection with Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting were recorded yesterday:—Hurdle Race, Leslie, Faux Pas; Lady Hampden Stakes, Billyingra; Pace Welter, Lieutenant.

Owners and trainers should bear in mind that entries for the Rosehill January Meeting close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, at 5 p.m. on Monday next. The programme can be seen in our advertising sheets.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

For many years Tattersall's Club have provided the public with sport on New Year's Day, and the programme for this day's reunion will compare favourably with any of its predecessors. The management have made excellent arrangements for conducting the sport, and ample means of transit by rail and road will be at the service of racegoers. His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention to be present, and, given fine weather, a bumper attendance may be anticipated. Business will commence at 1 o'clock, when the horses will go to the post for the Hurdle Race. That event will be likely to give those in search of a winner a deal of trouble, and the places may be secured by Goldleaf, Juvenile, and Cape Pigeon. Checkmate should appropriate the Lady Hampden Stakes from Beau Brummel and Bide-a-Wee, but the race is somewhat open and the winner may turn up where least expected. A splendid field will be saddled for the Carrington Stakes, and the top weight, Nobleman, should hold in safety the three that follow him on the list. The soft going on Saturday did not suit Couraillie, who should race quite a different horse to-day, for the length of the trip is quite to his liking, and he will cut out the six furlongs very fast. Little Agnes has only to be in her true form to have a great deal of say in the matter; and Pharamond, Ophir, and Newcastle are also likely to render good accounts of themselves. Dalmeny is well in at 7st 12lb, and, as he has done all that has been asked of him in his work, he must stand in need of a great deal of beating; and Response and Collarette must also be in it a long way, while trouble may come from Ordnance and Gaulus. A fast race may be looked for, and the chances are that Couraillie, Dalmeny, Collarette, and the Hon. W. A. Long's best (probably Little Agnes) will compose the first flight at the finish, and they may get home in something like the order in which they are named. In the absence of Huret, the places for the Juvenile Stakes will probably be secured by Gulliver, Jersey Lily, and Rose of York; and the best in for the Pace Welter appear to be Rose Noble, Belmont, and Fadladeen. The Club Handicap presents many difficulties, and the chosen one from Mr. Long's stable, Fort, Hindoo, and Glendennon are likely to be found battling it out at the finish. Appended is the programme:—

HURDLE RACE—about 2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Favour	12	9	Escort	10	4	Vendome	9	0
Llena	11	9	Division	9	10	Trilla	9	0
Cape Pigeon	11	7	Waratah	9	9	Oliver	9	0
Havana	11	5	Bernal	9	5	Blue Wings	9	0
Juvenile	10	8	King	9	0	Stranger	9	0
Goldleaf	10	5						

LADY HAMPDEN STAKES—6 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Dodo	8	4	Highland Laddie	7	4	The Brewer	6	11
Ayr Laddie	8	0				Round Dance	6	10
Checkmate	7	8	The Hermit	7	2	Betsy Prig	6	9
Rook Rose	7	7	Bogie Man	7	0	The Skipper	6	9
Patrona	7	7	Pastille	7	0	Nor'-west	6	9
Swandor	7	5	Beau Brummel	7	0	Mildew	6	9
Marjorie	7	4				Osborne	6	9
Yellow Plush	7	4	Charioteer	6	12	Cambridge	6	9
San Marco	7	4	Mt. Victoria	6	12	Towera	6	7
Robin	7	4	Bide-a-Wee	6	12			

CARRINGTON STAKES—6 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Nobleman	9	7	Ophir	7	13	Gaulus	7	4
Whakawatea	9	2	True Blue	7	13	Her Ladyship	7	4
Acmena	8	11	Dalmeny	7	12	Akarini	7	3
Couraillie	8	11	Inspiration	7	12	Algiers	7	3
Little Agnes	8	9	Response	7	8	Steward	7	2
Malachite	8	7	Blue Cap	7	8	Cravat	7	2
Babel	8	7	Engineer	7	6	Ordnance	7	0
Pharamond	8	4	Collarette	7	6	Elton	6	12
Aurea	8	4	Te Whiti	7	5	Protos	6	7
Newcastle	8	2	Vagabond	7	5			

JUVENILE STAKES—5 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Huret	9	10	Motto	8	0	Rose of York	6	10
Le Var	8	12	Lady Mr'gret Botreaux	7	11	Blazon	6	10
Adoration	8	8				Epitaph	6	7
Gulliver	8	6	Sceptre	7	7	Louis d'Or	6	7
Anambah	8	4	Aroha	7	7	Pirouette	6	7
Reward	8	2	Spagetti	7	7	Urana	6	7
Ariki	8	0	Aquila	7	4	Petunia	6	7
Fucile	8	0	Jersey Lily	7	4	Strathglass	6	7
Collinson	8	0	Boy	6	12	Rufine	6	7

PACE WELTER—6 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Ophir	11	0	Tarrion	8	13	Balance	8	4
Inspiration	10	8	Seneschal	8	12	San Marco	8	3
Vagabond	10	0	Bethel	8	10	Redavni	8	2
Her L'dyship	9	12	Rock Rose	8	10	Astronomer	8	2
Hotspur	9	6	Fadladeen	8	10	Beau Brummel	8	0
Rose Noble	9	5	Sagacity	8	7			
Algiers	9	3	Belmont	8	7	Michigan	8	0
Javelin	9	3	Robin	8	4	Charioteer	8	0
Dodo	9	2	Marjorie	8	4	Cambridge	8	0
Ilchester	9	1	Waratah	8	4	Talavera	8	0
Finis	9	0	Ebony	8	4			

CLUB HANDICAP—1¼ mile.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Mabee	10	0	Patroness	8	2	Bliss	7	8
Brockleigh	9	7	Fort	8	0	Confidence	7	6
Nobleman	9	5	Attachment	8	0	Annadour	7	6
Couraillie	8	9	Hindoo	7	12	Elton	6	12
Newcastle	8	7	Rackarock	7	11	The Skipper	6	7
Little Agnes	8	5	The Sketch	7	9	Coree	6	7
Mossmate	8	4	Kallatina	7	9	Laura	6	7
Sundial	8	4	Gosoreima	7	8	Bogie Man	6	7
Glendennon	8	4	The Meddler	7	8	Reveille	6	7
Aureus	8	4						

THE BETTING MARKET.

There was a large gathering of members at Tattersall's Clubrooms last evening to assist at the reading of the card for the Carrington Stakes. A parcel of £1000 was on offer against Nobleman at 100 to 8, and a few hundreds at a point longer, but no business resulted, though a backer intimated a desire to take 1000 to 50. At 100 to 3 and 100 to 5 respectively, Whakawatea and Acmena were friendless; but Couraillie brought about some speculation, and a line of £1100 at 100 to 14 was quickly booked, after which a parcel of £450 was placed at 6 to 1, and at the finish £2000 was available at 100 to 18. Little Agnes was friendless at 100 to 8, and nearly £3000 was subscribed against Pharamond at 100 to 5, but no business resulted. About Aurea 100 to 4 was twice recorded, with that price still obtainable, and 100 to 2 was booked about Newcastle. In one hand 1000 to 50 was accepted about True Blue, after which he advanced to 100 to 6, and a couple of hundreds were registered at that price. Dalmeny had 100 to 10 written against him, after which 100 to 11 was offered. Inspiration was backed to win £1000 at 100 to 7, with more wanted at that price, but 100 to 7½ was the best to be got. Collarette was befriended to the extent of 200 to 8, the best price against Engineer was 100 to 7, at which 1000 was available, but no business was done, and offers of from 100 to 5 to 100 to 2 failed to induce investment on the others.

At City Tattersall's Club the card for the Carrington Stakes was also read over. Couraillie had admirers, who accepted 300 to 50, after which 100 to 20 was the best price obtainable. About True Blue 200 to 10 was accepted, after which 100 to 6 was forthcoming. Engineer was supported to win 300 to 12 and 100 to 3½, after which 100 to 5 was on offer. Lines of 300 to 12 and 100 to 5 were booked about Collarette, with the latter price on offer, and 300 to 12 was written against Vagabond, after which he advanced to 100 to 5. Ordnance was backed for small sums at 100 to 4, with more available at that figure; 100 to 10 was written against Little Agnes, Akarini was similarly supported at 100 to 3½, and Steward at 100 to 2. 100 to 10 was on offer against Acmena and Dalmeny, 100 to 8 against Nobleman, Response, and Blue Cap, 100 to 7 against Newcastle and Inspiration, 100 to 6 against Pharamond, and from 100 to 5 to 100 to 2 against the others. Offers of 3 to 1 on the field for Tattersall's Cup did not lead to any business.

CYCLING.

THE CRICKET GROUND AND THE LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN'S CARNIVAL.

With reference to the statement in yesterday's issue of the *Herald* that the members of the committee of the League of Wheelmen were dissatisfied with the charges made by the cricket ground authorities for the recent carnival, the charge totalling £600 1s 10d, it is pointed out by the secretary of the cricket ground that the arrangement was entered into by the league's officers with the consent of the committee, such arrangement being that the ground should take 20 per cent. of the takings at the gates, and that the league should pay all wages of the men on the two days on which the carnival was held, as well as certain charges for advertisements. For this payment the league had the use of a ground rivalled by none in the colonies, and which provided for the comfort of the supporters of the sport in every way. It is understood that the charges made elsewhere are very much higher, and that in England visiting teams of cricketers in many cases get only a percentage of the admission money to the ground, while the ground authorities take the whole of the proceeds of the reserves, such as the grand stand. Some time ago the charge for the Sydney Cricket Ground, in certain instances, was 25 per cent., but it has since been reduced to 20 per cent., and as time goes on no doubt it will be further reduced. It must be remembered that the ground is entirely self-supporting, and that there is no Government subsidy.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Apart from a decidedly healthful tone and a feeling of confidence that the year about to be entered upon would witness a considerable degree of animation, consequent upon the removal of the Dibbs duties, there was not much in the money market to distinguish the close of the year 1895 from that of its predecessor, traders generally operating most cautiously pending the port becoming freer so far as the Customs tariff is concerned. The banks' exchange settlement for the past week (which embraced only four days—24th, 27th, 28th, and 30th December)—amounted to £1,915,340 1s 4d, as against £2,162,875 4s 10d for the corresponding period of last year, being a decrease of £247,535 3s 6d. Since the 1st January the amounts for the two years were as follow :—

	1894.	1895.
January 1 to December 21 ...	£105,400,182	£106,594,477
December 22 to December 30 ...	2,162,875	1,915,340
	£107,563,0??	£108,509,817

The clearings for the year 1895 show an increase amounting to £946,759.

The new Customs tariff will be found printed in another portion of to-morrow's (Wednesday) issue, and with it some facts bearing upon the tariffs of former days. These will doubtless prove interesting to traders and others who may be desirous of instituting comparisons with a view to determining the precise effect of the new tariff.

Preparations have been made by the merchants of Sydney generally to release their goods which will be free of duty on Thursday from the bonded stores, and already up to the time of closing 1216 sets of entries have been passed for shipment in bond.

Two very important matters connected with the colonial policy of the Government have (the *European Mail* of 27th November writes) been advanced a stage further by the activity of Mr. Chamberlain. A telegram has recently been sent by the Colonial Office to Canada, expressing the willingness of the Imperial Government to join with the Government of the Dominion in order to secure the accomplishment of the projected fast Atlantic service. This was one of the questions discussed at the Ottawa Conference last year; and no doubt now that the two Governments have joined forces the new service will soon become an actual fact. The other matter relates to the projected Pacific cable, in regard to which a deputation consisting of the representatives of all the self-governing colonies—excepting those of South Australia and Western Australia—waited upon Mr. Chamberlain on 19th November. The Colonial Minister was very cordial and sympathetic, and the High Commissioner and the Agents-General are said to have been much pleased with the result of the interview. The Government appears to have decided to join the colonies in the matter; but, as a preliminary, a commission is to be appointed, consisting of two representatives of the Imperial Government, two of the Canadian Government, and two of the Australasian Governments. The various branches of the subject upon which the commission will have to report are not yet finally settled; but they will be transmitted to the Governments concerned in the course of a few days. As the result of the tenders that were invited by the Canadian Government—as arranged at the Ottawa Conference—the practicability of the undertaking has been confirmed. The estimates of the cost have also been verified as well as the estimates of the probable revenue; and Mr. Chamberlain stated in reply to the deputation that the project showed a very fair prospect of a remunerative return on the capital required. The chief point that remains to be decided is the question of the best method of arranging for the construction and working of the cable, and when this and the other necessary details are reported upon, and receive the approval of the Governments interested, the proposed telegraphic communication will assume a more definite form and character than it has hitherto occupied. The new steamship line across the Atlantic, together with the improvement of the Pacific service, and the construction of the Pacific cable, will do much to bring closer together the mother country and the Australasian and Canadian groups of colonies.

The Customs revenue in Sydney for December was below the amount for last year, the falling off being due to the fact that importers were awaiting the removal of the duties. The total collections for the year show an increase of £8929 on the amount received last year. The following is a return of the Customs collections at Sydney for the period from 1st January to 31st December for the years 1894 and 1895 respectively :—

Months.	1894.	1895.
January ...	£166,151	£168,834
February ...	156,236	162,278
March ...	153,156	156,797
April ...	159,874	164,092
May ...	171,976	164,619
June ...	165,664	152,139
July ...	180,904	203,985
August ...	160,398	184,983
September ...	163,237	159,094
October ...	173,723	193,356
November ...	168,202	178,983
December ...	166,622	153,257
Totals ...	£2,014,108	£2,023,038

The appended table illustrates the course of trade during the past year, in comparison with the year 1894. The totals do not embrace the imports and exports of gold, the figures relating to which are given in the second table :—

—	1894.	1895.	Increase.
Imports ...	£11,048,546	£11,979,383	£930,837
Exports ...	11,229,651	11,385,774	156,121
Gold.			
Imports ...	£2,791,053	£1,923,185	*
Exports ...	2,131,635	2,911,071	779,436

* A decrease of £868,768.

The following is the Customs return of the export of gold and silver for the different months of the year just closed :—

Month.	Gold. Coined.	Gold. Uncoined.	Silver.
January ...	£323,185	£69,613	£14,306
February ...	126,230	40,327	1,076
March ...	232,285	83,655	2,888
April ...	208,054	105,322	1,728
May ...	203,826	79,044	3,006
June ...	187,908	71,980	1,720
July ...	358,830	7,984	8,400
August ...	448,192	10,365	1,000
September ...	36,664	46,430	500
October ...	62,200	36,605	2,600
November ...	86,453	10,880	1,250
December ...	25,362	15,519	1,948
Total ...	£2,339,092	£571,979	£40,418
1894 ...	£1,891,353	£396,112	£53,200
1893 ...	£2,480,800	£40,561	£95,126
1892 ...	£2,240,970	£44,351	£140,840

Some misapprehension having arisen regarding the duty on methylated spirits, we have been requested by the Collector of Customs to state that the amount of the duty is 1d a gallon.

EXPORT MARKET.

The following is a return of the principal articles of export for the period from 1st January to 31st December, the total figures for the two preceding years being also given :—

Mth.	Wool. Bales.	Skins. Pkgs.	Hides. No.	T'llow. Casks.	Tin. Ingots.	Cop'er. Ingots.	L'th'r Pk'gs.
Jan.	81,367	3,657	7,930	7,886	11,093	34,043	698
Feb.	86,352	2,032	30,083	12,667	5,808	12,228	612
Mar.	55,967	1,146	14,846	8,917	8,546	42,832	780
April	13,720	1,327	23,180	8,423	6,159	24,703	1,168
May	10,807	1,303	14,745	12,222	1,020	27,868	524
June	12,855	1,877	40,424	18,514	8,543	19,310	838
July	9,161	3,449	29,327	4,459	5,804	54,819	1,252
Aug.	14,734	3,221	64,579	12,455	8,951	27,252	982
Sept.	55,495	2,298	46,301	6,147	5,301	24,642	1,062
Oct.	87,639	3,496	40,417	9,922	5,995	16,885	1,386
Nov.	114,915	1,898	37,875	2,595	9,098	35,930	1,474
Dec.	147,327	3,170	18,158	11,539	10,283	36,550	1,263
Totals	687,133	28,314	367,871	115,672	87,232	356,061	12,081
1894	684,570	24,460	150,408	106,720	116,965	161,715	9,986
1893	648,828	30,127	145,943	92,802	107,962	136,701	7,050

—	Meats. Cases.	Frozen Meats. Mutton. Carcases.	Frozen Meats. Beef. Pieces.	Horns. No.	Butter. Boxes.	Shale. Tons.
Jan.	9,398	69,199	229	35,712	10,987	1,821
Feb.	12,011	39,997	1,841	95,271	9,295	3,707
Mar.	25,379	—	—	88,026	5,098	3,090
April	29,304	48,707	10,886	80,980	7,782	2,845
May	40,985	9,077	6,440	133,739	12	1,652
June	31,199	45,698	21,402	109,728	83	6,120
July	37,751	65,295	12,147	64,204	21	3,436
Aug.	22,736	43,686	7,758	150,929	—	1,055
Sept.	18,380	84,054	3,433	20,200	—	118
Oct.	15,992	82,506	1,568	180,760	1,200	2,052
Nov.	8,326	182,632	1,011	40,779	672	2,301
Dec.	13,138	118,037	—	84,913	300	4,153
Totals	264,194	786,138	66,118	1,072,627	35,398	33,370
1894	217,606	533,995	9,538	892,181	79,164	14,646
1893	170,447	364,308	4,778	712,295	—	20,498

Of hoofs and bones 1218 tons were exported, against 834 for the year 1894 and 593 for the year 1893. Of copra 6021 tons were exported against 4005 for the corresponding period last year. In the year 1893 5968 tons were exported.

At Darling Harbour to-day 825 bales of wool were manifested, and 163 arrived coastwise.

IMPORT MARKET.

The little business that transpired to-day was of quite an unimportant character. English mail advices to hand have served to occupy a considerable portion of merchants' attention. These advices tell of a decline of 6d per quarter in wheat, this having already been announced by cable. Other lines are pretty well without alteration.

The s.s. Argus left Calcutta on the 6th December with 208,722lb. of tea for Sydney, and 512,354lb. for Melbourne.

The old-established firm of Messrs. Myers and Solomon have commenced business as importers and commission merchants at 42 Market-street.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £5569. The principal items were :—

Spirits, £946; wine, still, £30; wine, sparkling, £20; ale, porter, and beer, in wood, £973; ale, porter, and beer, in bottles, £64; tobacco and snuff, £120; cigars, £51; cigarettes, £37; opium, £47; dried fruits, £18. Specific duties: Bacon and hams, &c., £16; butter, £22; cocoa and chocolate, £17; fruits, green, £37; galvanised iron, £325; hay and chaff, £74; oil, kerosene, £115; oils, other, £60; onions, £13; salt, £12; tinctures over 75 per cent., £92. Ad valorem: 10 per cent., £293; 15 per cent., £9. Harbour and light rates, £130; pilotage, Sydney, £137; harbour dues, £33; excise on tobacco, £578; cigars and cigarettes, £130; beer, £1107. Total, £5569.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 29.

The fifth and final series for the year of the London colonial wool auctions opened on the 26th instant. Three catalogues were distributed with a total for the day of 7131 bales. The selection was fairly good, and a general assortment was on view. The attendance was large, the Continental buyers being in strong force, the large proportion, said to be about 100,000 bales "new clip," evidently attracting their attention. The biddings opened with a fair amount of spirit, and became buoyant and general as the sales progressed. Prices were rather irregular, and somewhat improved before the end of the second catalogue. Compared with previous auction rates, "September-October" prices for good medium merino greasy wools were unchanged, but on lower medium and faulty sorts there was a decline of about 5 per cent., or an all-round quotation of par to 5 per cent. decline for merino sorts. Crossbreds were only in meagre supply, and showed values unchanged; these since have developed into considerable firmness, more especially for strong and medium grades of slipe wools, for which there is a large demand from all quarters, and with which a good supply can scarcely keep pace. This description is undoubtedly selling the best of all the sorts. Scoured merino wools felt the effect of the fall most, every variety being included, and declined ½d to 1d per lb. The few days that have elapsed since the opening night have developed a good deal of tone, and prices generally are firmer, Continental buyers being much the largest purchasers of greasy "new clip," of which the catalogues have furnished a good selection. Owners of some of these clips must be very well satisfied with the result of sales thus far. But, then, the new season's wools are coming forward in very good condition, generally well grown, sound, and of lighter shrinkage than last season's growth; the quality also is of useful grade, not being too fine for present requirements.

The series have opened much better than was expected: a 10 per cent. drop was looked for, but probably the shorter quantity available by 15,000 bales than the forecast gave has given zest to those who must renew stocks, some of which have run very low. Then, too, the feeling that prices may harden before the finish brings some into active operations. The arrival of wools so near the opening day makes it impossible for the warehouse people to get the bales out of the ships to be included in the earlier catalogues. This fact will tend to load the sales later on very considerably, and should be reckoned for.

The steady opening of the auctions has had a very beneficial effect on outside markets. Those who held aloof from purchasing "tops" in anticipation of cheaper lines find that they must now renew stock; hence, prices in Yorkshire have advanced ½d per lb., holders not being very keen about selling on that basis. The improvement takes place both on merinos and crossbreds. Stocks, especially the latter qualities, are running low; hence sellers can afford to make a firm stand for a while, especially as very little wool up to the present is bought for home account, and that at rather high figures as things go. Consumption continues on large lines and there is no cessation of employment. Considerable lines of orders are about, but the price between parties concerned is a present objection.

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VICTORIAN WOOLS.

RR over dash—Greasy: Super first combing, 1s, 10½d, 10d; super second combing, 10d, 9½d, 9d, 8½d; first combing, 10½d; second combing, 8½d; first clothing, 10d, 9½d, 9d; second clothing, 8½d; first pieces, 8d, 7d, 6½d; first lambs, 10d, 9d, 7d; second lambs, 6½d; first half-bred, 1s, 10d, 9½d, 9½d; Lincoln, 9½d, 9d; half-bred pieces, 7½d, 7½d. Ringwood—Greasy: First combing, 10d; A combing, 10d; second combing, 9d; first pieces, 8d, 7½d; pieces, 6½d. Bundy—Greasy: First combing, 10½d, 10d; second combing, 10d, 9½d; first clothing, 9d; second clothing, 8½d; broken, 9d, 8½d; first pieces, 8d; first lambs, 8½d; second lambs, 6½d. Merungle—Greasy: Super combing, 7½d, 7½d; first combing, 7½d, 7½d; second combing, 7½d, 7½d, 7d; first clothing, 7d, 6½d, 5½d.

QUEENSLAND WOOLS.

W Bros over Saltern Creek—Greasy: A combing, 7½d; B combing, 7½d; first pieces, 7½d. Milo—Greasy: 7½d, 6d; pieces, 5½d; first lambs, 7d; second lambs, 6½d, 5½d. Charlotte Plains—Greasy: Combing, 7½d; broken, 7d. Scoured: First combing, 1s 2d, 1s 1d; first clothing, 1s 0½d; pieces, 1s. Bowen Downs—Greasy: Super combing, 8d; first combing, 7½d, 7½d; second combing, 7½d; A, 7½, 6½d; B, 6½d; skirts, 6½d, 6½d. APCo over Noondoo over N—Greasy: B combing, 8d, 7½d, 7½d; combing, 7½d; D combing, 7½d. Scoured: Combing, 1s 2d, 1s 1d. R in diamond over Esher—Scoured: First combing, 1s 2d, 1s 1½d; second combing, 1s 1d; third combing, 10½d; first clothing, 1s 0½d; second clothing, 1s; first lambs, 11½d; second lambs, 9½d; first pieces, 1s 1d; seconds, 7½d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Wheat is in active demand and about 1350 bags sold in town and country at equal to 4s 3d to 4s 3½d. Oats are firm. Thin new Algerian, 2s 6½d; good old Algerian, 2s 9d; stout, 2s 10½d to 3s. Peas, 3s to 3s 0½d. Chaff is quoted nominally at £4 7s 6d to £4 10s. New potatoes, £6 5s. Onions sold up to £4. Ration sugar sold at £17. Eighty packages Ceylon tea sold at 7d to 10d.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.—TUESDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets continued quiet, business being practically at a standstill along the wharfs. At auction a very small supply was offered. Prime inland maize sold at 3s 3d per bushel. Potatoes met with fair demand, and values improved about 10s per ton. Imported chaff was out of the market, as holders are waiting until the remission of the duties. A fair amount of business was transacted in dairy products. Eggs were a shade firmer. Other lines remain without quotable change.

JUDGE BACKHOUSE AND MR. HEYDON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The letter of Mr. E. Barton demands a reply, and on that ground I again crave your indulgence. I have not replied before, as I have been awaiting Mr. Barton's return to town, being confident that I could refresh his memory as to the interview he had with Mr. Levien and myself. He does not deny that such an interview took place, but he says he cannot recollect it. Mr. Barton cannot recollect an actual interview of great importance, but can be quite certain beyond all doubt that during the three days subsequent to Mr. Rofe's conviction he did not see Mr. Heydon. Now I will concede that Mr. Barton's memory is at fault as to his interview with me. I will mention one circumstance that might clear the mist. Does Mr. Barton not remember that at this particular interview I put it to him that he might submit to the Judge that justice would be met if a fine of £500 or £1000 was inflicted on Mr. Rofe, and an order made that the money be paid to Mrs. Butler? Could a matter of that importance escape recollection? As Mr. Barton has not returned I have seen Mr. Levien, and Mr. Levien agrees that Mr. Barton is literally correct when he says that "he never told Mr. Crick or Mr. Levien anywhere or at any time that Mr. Heydon had made any statement of the kind to him." What Mr. Barton did say, according to Mr. Levien, is as follows:—"Mr. Heydon had seen the Judge, and thought he had succeeded in getting him to take a different view of the case." So it seems Mr. Barton is correct when he says he did not hear the above from Mr. Heydon; but I challenge Mr. Barton to deny he said that Mr. Heydon had seen the Judge, &c., and more than that Mr. Barton can if he so chooses name the gentleman who told him. I am not dealing in linguistic legerdemain or using language to conceal the truth. My first assertion was that "an interview had taken place between the Judge and Mr. Heydon in regard to the Rofe case." Both these gentlemen admit the truth of that assertion, and so my first assertion was proved; so will be the second. I now await Mr. Barton's rejoinder.

I am, &c., W. P. CRICK.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was no meeting of the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday, and consequently there are no quotations to report.

In the open market there were inquiries for North Central, buyers offering 2s 8d and sellers asking 2s 10d.

Bayley's Reward claim (says the *Murchison Times* of 11th December) has a record to date of 53,800oz., this being the product of 8440 tons. The average yield right through is 6oz. 7dwt., even after allowing for the poor returns of late. The mine has been the most prolific producer in Western Australia, the Great Boulder, New Chum, Star of the East, and Consolidated Murchison (Day Dawn) coming next in the order named. The combined production of the two last-named mines has reached 56,000oz.; so that Bayley's Reward claim has yielded nearly as much as all of the others.

From time to time reports come to hand concerning the way in which persons desirous of buying into a mining speck are "had" through "salting" (says the *Bathurst Times*). It is rare that this has occurred in the Bathurst district, but quite recently a case is reported to have occurred by which a speculator has lost over £300 through confiding in certain representations. This no doubt will open the eyes of those who occasionally pay away money without first satisfying themselves as to the bona fides of those who have mines to float.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, payable on the respective dates named :—

B. H. Block 14.—January 15, 1s.
The B. H. Proprietary Company, Limited.—January 15, 1s.
Broken Hill Water Supply.—January 17, 6d.
Broken Hill Junction Company.—January 18, 1s.
Victoria G. M. Company, Charters Towers.—January 7, 6d.

CALLS.

Victory (Charters Towers) G. M. Company.—March 31, 6d.

Calls have been made in the following companies, and are due on January 8 :—
Fortune of War G. M. Company, 6d.
South Burrangong G. M. Company, 3d.
The Stewart's Brook G. M. Company, 3d.
The Woodstock G. M. and Q. C. Company, 1d.
The Golden Bar G. M. Co., 3d.

FORFEITED SHARES.

Sales of forfeited shares, as advertised in the *Herald*, will be held as follow :—
Fortune of War G. M. Company, at Stock Exchange, Melbourne, 12.15 p.m., January 11.
Tarcombe G. M. Company, at Cobar, 12 o'clock, 19th January.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

British Queen, Ballarat (8 days), 93 tons, 34oz.
Hepburn Estate, Smeaton (4 days), 80oz. 12dwt.
Linton United, Ballarat, 50 tons, 15oz. 1dwt.
Last Chance United, Ballarat (15 days)—including 77oz. from copper plates—5?5oz. 12dwt.
Frontier Freehold, Rutherglen, 101oz. 5dwt.
Star of the East, Sebastopol (10 days), 367 tons, 90oz. 3dwt.
The Mitchell's Creek Freehold, Wellington, N.S.W. (4 weeks), 561oz.
West Sunlight Reef, Hillgrove, 300 tons, 175oz. 15dwt.

DEATH OF A WOMAN IN THE CITY NIGHT REFUGE.

A VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

An inquest was held in the South Sydney Morgue yesterday upon the body of Annie Howard, who was found dead in a bed in the City Night Refuge at 6 o'clock on Monday morning.

John Thomas Howard, husband of the deceased, was present in custody.

James Adams, a bootmaker, residing at 36 Athlone-place, stated that deceased was his sister. She was 28 years of age, and a native of N.S.W.

Dr. Rennie stated that he had made a post-mortem examination of the body. There was a slight bruise on the right side of the face and on the front of the left thigh there was a more extensive one. On opening the skull he found a large effusion of blood on the left side of the brain. It extended down to the base of the skull. Death, in his opinion, was due to external violence to the head, which must have taken place some time on the day previous to the woman dying.

Alicia Boland stated that she resided with her mother at 84 Dixon-street, Sydney, and was a general servant. She saw John Thomas Howard catch hold of his wife by the two ears on Sunday night and push the back of her head against the shutters of a house in Dixon-street. He did so three or four times. Shortly afterwards she found that one of the louvres of the shutter against which deceased's head had been pushed was freshly broken.

By Howard: Deceased was sleeping at my mother's house on Saturday night, when you came and took her away.

Elizabeth Andrews stated that when the prisoner was assaulting his wife the latter exclaimed, "Oh, don't, Jack."

To the prisoner: She did not say to me in your presence that you had been kind to her since you returned from Parramatta. Mrs. Boland did not keep a disorderly house as far as witness knew. When you used to beat the deceased she would run to Boland's for protection.

Mary Ann Heskett, a married woman living with her husband at 88 Dixon-street, stated she saw the prisoner on Sunday night last week. He was quarrelling on the footpath with his wife in front of an empty house between Mrs. Boland's and witness' house. In consequence of the noise witness went to the door of her house and saw prisoner catch hold of deceased by the ears and knock her head two or three times against the shutters of the empty house. She found afterwards that one of the crossbars of the shutter was broken. Witness said to him, "You cowardly wretch; that is no way to treat a woman." Prisoner said he would make his wife sleep in the park, that he had made seven homes for his wife, and that she would not stop with him. After the quarrel prisoner and his wife went away together. Half an hour afterwards prisoner went to Mrs. Boland's to look for his wife, and witness heard Mrs. Boland say to prisoner, "She is not here; she will not come here while you are about." Prisoner replied, "She has left me; she has the horrors."

By prisoner: When deceased was stopping at Boland's she was very often intoxicated.

Constable Ball stated that he had known deceased for 10 years and had known prisoner for a few months. When he spoke to deceased on Sunday night she told him that nothing was the matter, and that she was not hurt. He then ordered deceased and his wife to go home and not create a disturbance in the street. They were both slightly under the influence of drink. He last saw them standing together 100 yards away from him in the street at a quarter to 8 o'clock.

Mary Butler, matron of the City Night Refuge, 403 Sussex-street, stated deceased went to the Refuge at a quarter to 10 o'clock on Sunday night, and asked for admission, stating that she lived at the Glebe. Deceased seemed in good health. Witness made a bed on the floor for her in the hall, where several other persons were sleeping. She went to bed at once in her clothes. She found that at 6.15 a.m. on Monday deceased was lying dead on the bed.

Margaret Dweske, an inmate of the City Night Refuge, stated deceased appeared to be ill while she was lying on the bed in the Refuge on Sunday night.

Senior-constable O'Dea stated he arrested prisoner on Monday morning. When witness told him his wife was dead, he was greatly affected, and witness had to support him to prevent him from falling. Witness charged him at the station with causing the death of his wife, and he replied, "I am not guilty."

Mary Jane Heskett, recalled, stated that when prisoner returned to Mrs. Boland's house to look for his wife on Sunday night, he said to Mrs. Boland, "I have left her so that she will never keep a house over anyone's head any more."

Margaret Boland stated deceased lived at her house sometimes. After prisoner and deceased had quarrelled in front of her house on Sunday evening and gone away, prisoner returned about 9 o'clock and said he had left his wife in the horrors. Witness did not remember him saying he had left deceased in such a state that she would be unable to keep a house over anyone's head again.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned till 2.5 p.m.

On resuming,

Ada Dawes, a servant residing in Liverpool-street, gave evidence to the effect that she was in the company of deceased and prisoner on Sunday night, and did not see anyone assault deceased.

The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Howard, who was committed to take his trial at the Criminal Court, to be held on the 17th February.

THE REAL PROPERTY ACT.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The following returns have been issued by the Registrar-General showing the operations under the Real Property Act during 1895 :—

Return of the number of applications, with amount of fees, &c., under the Real Property Act, 26 Vic., No. 9, from 1st January to 31st December, 1895: No. of applications, 811; No. of properties, 361; area—town and suburban 339a. 2r. 15 7-40p., country 21,871a. 1r. 13p.; total, 22,230a. 3r. 28 7-40p.; value, £755,114; fees—assurance £1573 3s 11d, advertising £456, certificates £325; total, £2354 3s 11d. The above return is exclusive of one application, which has been withdrawn. The commissioners' fees have been abolished.

Return of the number of Crown grants registered under Real Property Act (26 Vic., No. 9) from 1st January to 31st December, 1895:—No. of grants, 2761; area—town and suburban 255a. 0r. 0 2-5p., country 280,891a. 3r. 23½p.; total, 289,156a. 3r. 28 13-?p.; value, £201,261 14s 3d; assurance, £550 11s 9d.

Return of memorials registered under the Real Property Act, for the year 1895, to 24th December (inclusive):—Transfers, 7311; consideration of transfers, £1,830,197; mortgages, 3645; consideration of mortgages, £4,704,388; discharges, 2495; consideration of discharges, £2,690,838; transfers of mortgage, 306; foreclosures of mortgage, 40; encumbrances, 10; registered proprietor (official assignee), 66; transmissions, 492; powers of attorney, 3; leases, 153; transfers of lease, 59; surrenders of lease, 26; re-entry of lease, 11; caveat, 616; withdrawal of caveat, 437; write or warrants, 90; satisfaction of writs or warrants, 15; notices of death, 220; notices of marriage, 16; notices of resumption, 18; vesting orders, 3; miscellaneous endorsements, 99; total, 15,331; new certificates, 4750; extra endorsements (after the first), 18,454. Total fees, £16,473 18s 6d.

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LAW REPORT.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

(*Before Mr. District Court Judge* MURRAY.)

KIE V. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. W. L. Thompson, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. L. Levey, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Henry Kie, coachman, against Joseph Phillips, financier, to recover compensation for alleged slander. The case for the plaintiff was that on the 13th November last he was working in his stables at Darlinghurst-road, when defendant, who was in the adjoining yard, used some insulting words, implying that plaintiff was illegitimate. Damages were laid at £200. Defendant denied the use of the words, but admitted that he used a strong expression of annoyance, provoked, apparently, by plaintiff's conduct towards him on a previous occasion.

His Honor said that, even if the language was used, which was denied, he could not see how the plaintiff could recover more than a farthing, as the language complained of only amounted to coarse abuse, which would probably not affect the opinion of anybody who heard it. Even, however, if plaintiff was right, he was of opinion that the language was used upon an occasion when his character was not likely to be injured.

Verdict for defendant.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN V. GOULD.

Mr. E. Newton appeared for the plaintiff borough, and Mr. Aspinall for the defendant. This was an action brought by the Borough of Newtown against Mary Gould to recover the sum of £26, being arrears of rates due by the defendant.

Verdict for the plaintiff in the amount claimed.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

RESULTS OF ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

First Year Examination.—Pass: G. L. Bavin, A. H. Beaumont, L. S. Brown, G. M. Cordingley, E. Cribb, E. N. De Lissa, C. J. Dey, M. C. Dunnicliff, J. M. Fidler, M. Y. Fitzhardinge, E. J. Gordon, L. E. Gullett, M. J. Graham, E. A. Lance, A. L. Walker, A. Anderson, E. Combes, A. J. Corfe, J. J. Durack, E. E. Edwards, D. P. Evans-Jones, W. G. Forsyth, W. H. Gregson, F. G. Griffiths, E. C. Heden, W. J. Holt, W. H. Horton, S. J. Houison, T. B. Hunter, R. L. Jack, H. W. Kendall, E. La S. de Lepervanche, W. L. Patison, G. E. Peterson, N. G. S. Pilcher, C. Potts, W. Seldon, E. H. Stoney, A. J. Williams, A. A. Yeates. Evening students: H. B. Matthews, J. W. Walker.

Evening students who have passed in individual subjects: F. R. Kelynack, algebra and geometry; R. W. M'Credie, French and mathematics; W. C. S. M'Clintock, Latin authors, French (one paper), algebra, and chemistry; J. J. Mulholland, Latin and French; C. E. G. Mussmann, algebra and geometry; J. O'Neill, geometry and trigonometry; J. D. Smith, mathematics; E. H. Tebbutt, English, Latin, and Greek; J. J. Walsh, geometry and trigonometry; G. H. M. Walton, English, Latin, French, geometry, and trigonometry.

Mathematics.—Pass: W. G. Forsyth, F. G. Griffiths and W. G. Woolnough (science) æq.; N. G. S. Pilcher, J. J. Durack, G. E. Peterson and R. J. Boyd (Eng.) æq.; J. M. Fidler, J. W. Walker*, A. A. Yeates, H. B. Matthews* and N. Reid (Eng.) æq.; W. J. Holt and E. C. Heden, æq.; M. J. Graham, M. C. Dunnicliff, W. H. Gregson; E. A. Lance, W. H. Horton, R. W. M'Credie*, æq.; C. J. Dey, C. Potts, and E. S. de Lepervanche æq.; W. Seldon, E. H. Stoney, G. A. Pechey (Eng.), E. Cribb, L. S. Brown, E. Combes, S. J. Houison; E. E. Edwards, L. Gullett, A. J. Williams, æq.; R. L. Jack; H. W. Kendall, A. J. Corfe, D. P. Evans-Jones, æq.; T. B. Hunter; A. Anderson, A. L. Walker, G. C. Cordingley, æq.; J. D. Smith*, E. J. Gordon, æq.; E. N. de Lissa, G. L. Bavin, W. L. Patison, M. Y. Fitzhardinge.

English.—Pass: E. A. Lance, J. M. Fidler, F. G. Griffiths, M. J. Graham and W. G. Forsyth æq., D. P. Evans-Jones, M. C. Dunnicliff, N. G. Pilcher, J. J. Durack, E. Cribb, L. Gullett, H. B. Matthews*, C. J. Dey, E. J. Gordon, G. M. Cordingley, E. H. Tebbutt*, T. B. Hunter, M. Y. Fitzhardinge, C. Potts, G. L. Bavin, W. J. Holt, E. N. De Lissa and E. Combes æq., R. L. Jack, H. W. Kendall, A. J. Williams æq., L. S. Brown and W. Sheldon æq., A. J. Corfe, E. H. Stoney, J. W. Walker* and A. L. Walker æq., G. H. M. Walton*, F. A. Rossitter, W. H. Gregson, S. J. Houison, E. E. Edwards, E. La S. Lepervanche, W. H. Horton, A. A. Yeates and E. C. Heden æq., M. D. Gullett*, W. H. O. Eichler*, G. E. Peterson, A. H. Beaumont, W. L. Patison, A. Anderson, R. W. M'Credie*.

French.—Pass: J. M. Fidler, E. N. De Lissa, E. La S. Lepervanche and N. G. Pilcher æq., M. C. Dunnicliff, E. H. Stoney, G. M. Cordingley, C. J. Dey, E. C. Heden,* J. J. Mulholland, W. J. Holt, M. Y. Fitzhardinge, A. J. Williams, A. A. Yeates, M. Gullett*, T. B. Hunter, W. Seldon, G. H. M. Walton,* A. H. Beaumont and E. Cribb æq., M. J. Graham, R. L. Jack and G. L. Bavin æq., E. J. Gordon, C. Potts, A. L. Walker, L. S. Brown and W. H. Gregson, æq., J. J. Durack, H. B. Matthews*, E. Combes and G. E. Peterson æq., L. E. Gullett, A. J. Corfe, E. E. Edwards, R. W. M'Credie*, G. E. Brown, F. R. Kelynack*, J. W. Walker*, H. W. Kendall.

Latin.—Pass: J. M. Fidler, D. P. Evans-Jones, F. G. Griffiths, N. G. Pilcher, W. G. Forsyth, A. J. Williams, W. H. Horton, M. C. Dunnicliff, A. J. Corfe, A. A. Yeates, G. M. Cordingley, E. E. Edwards, W. J. Holt, E. C. Heden, T. B. Hunter, E. Combes, E. H. Stoney, E. La S. de Lepervanche, G. E. Peterson, E. A. Lance, C. J. Dey, J. J. Mulholland,* W. Seldon, M. J. Graham, C. Potts, A. H. Beaumont, G. H. M. Walton*, J. J. Durack, W. H. Gregson, E. N. de Lissa, M. Y. Fitzhardinge, A. Anderson, R. L. Jack, M. D. Gullett*, E. H. Tebbutt*, W. L. Patison, S. J. Houison, E. J. Gordon, E. Cribb, H. W. Kendall, L. Gullett, G. L. Bavin, L. S. Brown, A. L. Walker, H. B. Matthews,* J. W. Walker.*

Greek (preliminary).—Pass: W. L. Patison, M. Y. Fitzhardinge.

Greek (junior).—Pass: F. G. Griffiths and D. P. Evans-Jones æq.; H. de B. Barry*, W. H. Horton and G. A. Raves æq., H. B. Curlewis*, R. E. Ward, E. H. Tebbutt*.

German (junior).—Pass: W. G. Forsyth, E. A. Lance, N. G. Pilcher, E. N. de Lissa, R. E. Ward, A. Anderson.

Evening students who have satisfied the provisions of the bylaws in chemistry.—First year: F. R. Kelynack, C. E. Ladd, H. B. Matthews, R. W. M'Credie, J. O'Neill, F. Rourke, J. D. Smith, A. J. Wheeler, G. H. M. Walton. Second year, L. S. Day, W. Hudson, C. H. F. Jones.

Notes.—*Evening students. †Unmatriculated.

Second Year Examination.—Passed: M. J. Armstrong, E. I'A. Bloomfield, E. H. Hansard, I. E. Langley, O. E. H. Moustaka, F. Roth-Schmidt, E. F. Saunders, B. V. Symonds, R. E. Ward, E. A. Cruise, J. H. G. Auld, H. C. Blaxland, L. T. Broinowski, S. D. Chalmers, H. B. Curlewis, H. S. Dettmann, E. Hobbs, P. H. Louis, W. W. Monahan, J. E. F. Penman, G. A. Raves, F. S. Stacy, J. W. F. Stephen, D. Wallace, (a) E. W. Warren, H. E. Whitfeld. Evening Students: H. E. Fulton*, A. T. H. Grogan, C. H. F. Jones, J. A. Klein. *Not passing through the regular course.

Evening students who have passed in individual subjects:—L. Cole, English and Latin; M. C. Nay, English and French; M. M. H. Murray, English, French, and history; S. Moister, English, French, and history; J. E. Paris, English and history; E. Browne, history; H. de B. Barry, Greek and history; L. S. Day, English and Latin; W. J. Garland, English and history; W. Hudson, French and philosophy; T. J. Giddy, philosophy; H. J. Hughes, English, Latin, and history; T. J. Hughes, philosophy; C. E. G. Mussmann, Latin, French, and German; W. P. Russell, history; W. A. B. Sharp, English and history; W. G. Sharpe, Latin and history; H. A. Studds, English and Latin.

History.—Pass: E. I'A. Bloomfield, S. D. Chalmers, E. Hobbs; J. E. F. Penman, W. G. Sharpe* and R. E. Ward, æq.; E. A. Cruise*, C. H. F. Jones* and W. W. Monahan, æq.; F. S. Stacy, P. H. Louis, J. H. G. Auld, H. J. Hughes*, J. A. Klein* and H. de B. Barry* æq., W. J. Garland*, A. T. H. Grogan*, W. A. B. Sharp*, H. E. Fulton*, E. Broome*, W. P. Russell*, F. J. Kilpatrick* and M. M. H. Murray* æq., J. E. Paris*.

Mathematics.—Pass: S. D. Chalmers, H. E. Whitfeld, H. S. Dettmann and E. H. Hansard æq.; E. F. Saunders, W. W. Monahan, H. B. Curlewis* and R. E. Ward æq.; (a) E. W. Warren (engineering), T. Blatchford (engineering), O. E. H. Moustaka and F. Roth-Schmidt æq.

(a) Passed conditionally upon obtaining honours in mathematics in March.

English.—Pass: H. S. Dettmann, E. H. Hansard, M. J. Armstrong, L. S. Day,* G. A. Raves, E. A. Cruise,* L. T. Broinowski,* J. E. F. Penman, J. W. F. Stephen, P. H. Louis, J. E. Langley, F. S. Stacy; O. E. H. Moustaka, E. F. Saunders and W. W. Monahan æq.; C. H. F. Jones,* J. A. Klein* and H. C. Blaxland æq., S. D. Chalmers, M. C. Hay,* H. J. Hughes,* H. A. Studds,* S. Moister,* L. Cole,* W. A. B. Sharp,* M. M. H. Murray* and F. Roth-Schmidt æq.; J. E. Paris,* H. E. Fulton* and A. T. H. Grogan* æq.; B. Symonds, W. J. Garland.*

Logic and Mental Philosophy.—Pass: H. E. Whitfeld, D. Wallace, G. A. Raves, J. E. F. Penman, E. I'A. Bloomfield and J. W. F. Stephen æq.; W. W. Monahan, M. J. Armstrong, T. G. J. Giddy,* and L. T. Broinowski* æq.; F. S. Stacy, J. H. G. Auld, E. Hobbs, P. H. Louis, S. D. Chalmers, O. E. H. Moustaka, H. C. Blaxland, T. J. Hughes,* B. Symonds.

French.—Pass: C. E. G. Mussmann,* D. Wallace, M. J. Armstrong, E. A. Cruise,* E. H. Hansard; L. T. Broinowski,* P. H. Louis, J. E. F. Penman, æq.; H. C. Blaxland, E. F. Saunders; F. Roth-Schmidt, and W. Hudson*, æq., M. C. Hay* and H. E. Fulton*, æq.; J. E. Langley, S. Moister,* M. M. H. Murray,* C. H. F. Jones,* A. T. H. Grogan,* B. V. Symonds, J. A. Klein,* J. E. Paris.*

German (senior).—Pass: H. S. Dettmann, E. I'A. Bloomfield, D. Wallace, C. E. G. Mussmann.*

Latin.—Pass: H. E. Whitfeld, H. S. Dettmann, E. Hobbs; J. W. F. Stephen and E. I'A. Bloomfield, æq.; L. T. Broinowski*; F. S. Stacy and D. Wallace, æq.; E. A. Cruise* and J. E. F. Penman, æq.; G. A. Raves; H. C. Blaxland and L. S. Day,* æq.; C. E. G. Mussmann,* E. H. Hansard, W. W. Monahan, M. J. Armstrong, J. H. G. Auld, S. D. Chalmers, O. E. H. Moustaka, H. E. Fulton,* P. H. Louis, E. F. Saunders, L. Cole,* F. Roth-Schmidt, H. B. Curlewis,* W. G. Sharpe,* C. H. F. Jones,* A. T. H. Grogan*, T. J. Hughes,* H. A. Studds*, J. A. Klein.*

Note.—* Evening students.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

Honours at Graduation as M.B. and Ch.M.—Class II.: G. H. B. Deck and J. C. Halliday, æq.; W. C. M'Clelland, B.Sc., R. B. Wade, W. A. Conlon, B.A.

*Evening students.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed.—S. O. Brennan, W. G. Woolnough.

Levey's Scholarship and First-class Honours for Chemistry and Physics.—W. G. Woolnough.

Slade Prize for Practical Physics.—W. G. Woolnough.

Professor Haswell's Prize for Zoology.—W. G. Woolnough, (prox. acc.) W. F. J. Burfitt, B.A.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed in Biology, Geology, and Mathematics.—Marion C. Horton.

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

Physics.—Honours—Class II.: T. P. Strickland.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed conditionally upon passing the examination in professional subjects in March.—R. J. Boyd, T. Blatchford, R. A. W. Black, A. J. Onus, G. A. Pechey, F. L. Piddington, N. Reid.

Slade Prize for Practical Chemistry.—N. Reid.

CLASS LISTS.

Chemistry.—Mining.—Honours—Class II.: T. Blatchford. Pass: F. L. Piddington, R. A. W. Black, †H. B. Gritton, N. Reid.

†Not passing through the regular course.

Mathematics (First Year Arts B, Science and Engineering).—W. G. Woolnough (science), N. Reid, R. J. Boyd, G. A. Pechey.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed conditionally upon passing the examination in professional subjects in March :—

Civil Engineering.—H. M. Amphlett, H. S. I. Smairl, (a) E. W. Warren.

Mining Engineering.—T. H. Palmer, J. B. Wilson.

CLASS LISTS.

Geology.—Honours—Class II.: M. C. Horton (Science), I. Langley (Arts), H. S. I. Smairl, + A. Cooley, J. B. Wilson (æq.), B. Symonds (Arts). Pass: T. H. Palmer, H. M. Amphlett, E. W. Warren.

Physics.—Honours—Class II.: T. Blatchford, N. Reid. Pass: E. W. Warren, H. S. I. Smairl, H. M. Amphlett.

Mathematics.—Arts B Class—Science and Engineering: H. S. I. Smairl, J. W. F. Stephen (Arts), M. C. Horton (Science), H. M. Amphlett.

Chemistry.—Mining.—Pass: T. H. Palmer, J. B. Wilson.

Mineralogy.—J. B. Wilson, T. H. Palmer, + H. B. Gritton, + C. Walker.

\+ Not passing through the regular course.

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

Spherical Trigonometry.—Pass (Alphabetical), M. J. G. Colyer, E. W. Hedgeland, W. F. Hole, C. Thow, J. M. S. Woore.

Mining and Metallurgy.—Pass: H. Twynam.

Metallurgy.—Pass: C. Walker.

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PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. W. E. P. Scott, who is severing his connection with Messrs. J. T. and J. Toohey, was on Monday evening presented by his colleagues at the Standard Brewery with a handsome silver tea and coffee service. The presentation was made in the presence of the employees by Mr. St. Clair, the manager, who said it was seven years since they had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Scott, and that, although changes had taken place amongst them in the meantime, there had been a growth of appreciation and good feeling so far as their relations with Mr. Scott were concerned. They were sincerely sorry to lose Mr. Scott. They could only wish him, together with his wife and family, all health and prosperity in his future career, and express the hope that he would retain of them, as they would of him, the friendliest remembrances. Champagne was then opened, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family were enthusiastically toasted, with musical honours. Replying, Mr. Scott expressed thanks for Mr. St. Clair's kind remarks and for the handsome momento, which would be greatly prized by Mrs. Scott and himself.

Miss Oram, who has been in the service of Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons, Haymarket, during the past 11 years as manager, first of the artificial flowers and subsequently that of the millinery department, and who is severing her connection with the firm with the intention of taking a trip to Europe, was on Saturday presented with a lady's dressing-case and fieldglass as an expression of esteem from her fellow-managers and employees.

SOUND ADVICE TO LADIES.

If you would retain beauty in all its natural radiance, use PEARS' SOAP, fragrant and cool, refreshing and invigorating. Pure Soap.—PEARS' SOAP.—ADVT.]

Do you intend to Preserve Fruit this season? If so, ask your Grocer now to do it with Anti-Fermentine.—(ADVT.)

DON'T DIE.

Mr. H. E. KUGELMANN,
Consulting Herbal Practitioner,
of 312 Flinders-street, Melbourne, by special request VISITS Sydney and Goulburn every two months, and may be consulted Free on all deeply-seated, long-standing, internal, complicated, and chronic diseases. Mr. Kugelmann has practised for twenty-two years in Victoria, and has had greater success than any medical man in Australia. His new method of natural treatment, without the use of drugs or poisons, reaches down to the primary causes of diseases by removing them. That is how he succeeds in curing more cases than any other practitioner. His visits will be at Mandelson's Hotel, Goulburn, on TUESDAY, December 31st, 1895 (hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.), and every eight weeks thereafter. Sydney, at the Grosvenor Hotel, on THURSDAY, 2nd January, 1896 (hours, 10 a.m. till 8 p.m.); FRIDAY, 3rd January, 1896 (hours, 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.); SATURDAY, 4th January, 1896 (hours, 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.). Read this extract of sworn certificate of cure, of which there are thousands more (cured after thirteen doctors had failed): "Marnock Vale, Geelong (Vic.), 7/2/95. Mr. H. E. Kugelmann, herbal physician. Dear sir,—Suffering from bleeding of the lungs, I consulted a doctor in Forbes, also in Sydney, and at Windsor. Getting worse rapidly, I went to Victoria and tried one doctor after another, when I found that none benefited me. After a number of years of illness, during which time I became a perfect wreck, I had thoroughly tried the skill of thirteen doctors. At last I consulted you; result—Cured for the last five years.—F. A. YOUNG." Sworn at Geelong (Vic.) before me, GEO. MARTIN, J.P.

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For Females of all ages these Pills are invaluable, as a few doses of them carry off all humours and bring about all that is required. No female should be without them. There is no medicine to be found equal to Beecham's Pills for removing any obstruction or irregularity of the system.

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TO COUNTRY NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS and JOB PRINTERS.—For SALE, cheap, a quantity of Second-hand TYPE—Minion and Nonpareil—(in good condition), in case. Apply to W. SEMPLE, S. M. Herald Office.

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BOARHOUND PUPPIES from imported stock, very handsome, pure blood. 194a George-st. North.

TICKETS.—Excursion, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Maryborough, Orange, Jennings, Bourke, Tenora, Tenterfield, New Zealand; London (steerage), £13; others, all parts, cheap. DAVIS, 108 Pitt-street, opp. G.P.O.

BACHELOR relinquishing housekeeping will Sell Furniture 5-room'd Cottage, £25, three beds. 209 Pitt-st.

GAS STOVE, first-class condition, complete, cost £6, price 35s. No. 60 Holden-st., Ashfield.

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Public Notices.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

WEDNESDAY, 1st January, being a Public Holiday, the Offices of all Fire and Marine Insurance Companies in the undermentioned Associations will be CLOSED :—
Sydney Underwriters' Association.
Fire Underwriters' Association of N.S.W.
J. E. WOODTHORPE, Secretary.

SPECIAL CAUTION

STEARINE CANDLES

OF THE STEARINE CANDLE MANUFACTURING CO., "APOLLO," IN SCHIEDAM, HOLLAND.

The Directors of the Company give Notice to the trade that, owing to the spurious imitations of their brand, the Candles for the Australian and New Zealand markets will in future simply bear on the usual labels the name of "SCHIEDAM."

They obtained—The MEDAL of MERIT at VIENNA, 1873. The GOLD MEDAL at PARIS, 1878. The GOLD MEDAL at AMSTERDAM, 1883. And the DIPLOME D'HONNEUR (HIGHEST AWARD) 1885 at ANTWERP.

DRINK Linton's Teas and Coffees; quality unequalled; moderate prices. 516 George-st., opp. New Markets.

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WIRE Shutters and all kinds of Wirework, cheap. F. C. Janson, wireworkers, 45 Pitt-st., Circular Quay.

NOTICE.—If Mr. WALSH, late of 82 Oxford-street, does not Claim his Horse within seven days from date (31st December, 1895), will be SOLD.
JOHN LEHANE, Holt-Sutherland Estate.

NOTICE.—If Mr. SHEEHAN does not Claim his HORSE within seven days from date (31st December, 1895), will be SOLD.
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NOTICE.—Telephone, 1970. Oertel's pure and delicious Table Waters and Cordials. Ask for them. 408 Pitt-st.

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THE Hon. Secretaries of the Royal Society of New South Wales desire to notify to the Members that during the additions and alterations to the Society's Premises, that are about to be commenced, the LIBRARY and READING ROOM will be CLOSED.

JAS. H. ADGER, Dermatologist, treats successfully all diseases of the skin and scalp, loss of hair, premature blanching, and general cultivation and growth of the hair. Advice and Remedy, 10s 6d. Next Australia Hotel, Sydney.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK,

Bankers to the Government of Queensland.

NOTICE is hereby given that interest on the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES and TREASURY BILLS, payable in this colony on 1st JANUARY, 1896, will be paid at the SYDNEY BRANCH, 99 Pitt-street, on production of the coupons.

L. A. JOHNSTONE, Manager.

Sydney, 31st December, 1895.

COUNTRY VISITORS and HOLIDAY MAKERS.

Do not forget that
QUONG TART and CO.'S ESTABLISHMENT,
KING-STREET,
and their
Branch Premises at
777 GEORGE-STREET
and the
ROYAL and SYDNEY ARCADES,
will be OPEN for your convenience on
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

NOTICE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1896, being a Public Holiday, the HEAD and BRANCH OFFICES of this Company will be CLOSED.

R. J. LUKEY, Secretary.

Company's Office, Sydney, 31st December, 1895.

THE VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY Limited.

Offices, 83 Pitt-street, Sydney.

NOTICE.

The OFFICES of the above Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1896, being a Public Holiday.

FREDK. J. JACKSON, Res. Secretary.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between us as Solicitors under the style of HUGHES, HUGHES, and DIGBY having this day EXPIRED, the undersigned John Hughes and Thomas Hughes will continue to practise under the style of "Hughes and Hughes" at 26 Hunter-street, and the undersigned Everard Digby will practise at Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street. Dated this 31st day of December, 1895.

JOHN HUGHES.
THOMAS HUGHES.
EVERARD DIGBY.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

We, the undersigned, JAMES TORRANCE DAVENPORT and THOMAS DAVIS, who recently carried on business in co-partnership as Public Accountants, under the style of J. T. DAVENPORT, DAVIS, and CO., at Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street, have this day DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP by mutual consent. The said J. T. Davenport will continue to carry on his old business as heretofore, on his own account, as J. T. DAVENPORT and CO., at the present address, 20, 21, and 22 Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street.

The said THOMAS DAVIS will continue to practise his profession as a Public Accountant, managing all matters now in his hands, and as manager of the Sydney and Suburban Mutual Permanent Building and Land Investment Association, Limited, on his own account, at his present address, 24, 27, and 28 Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street.

As witness our hands this 31st day of December, 1895.

Witness to signature of J. T. Davenport — ALBERT E. BOYD, Clerk, Post Office-chambers. — J. T. DAVENPORT

Witness to the signature of Thomas Davis—ALBERT E. BOYD. — THOMAS DAVIS.

NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

The undermentioned SUBSCRIPTIONS and DONATIONS received during the month of DECEMBER are thankfully acknowledged :—

	£	s	d
Thomas M. Tinley	1	1	0
Elijah M'Kay	1	0	0
His Honor Mr. Justice Simpson	1	1	0
J. B. Tickle and Son	1	1	0
G. E. Crane	1	1	0
Richardson and Wrench	2	2	0
J. Williams	1	0	0
Learmonth, Dickinson, and Co.	2	2	0
R. P. Johnston	1	0	0
H. C. Russell, B.A., C.M.G.	1	1	0
Hill, Clark, and Co.	1	1	0
Subscriptions under £1	1	0	0
	£14	10	0

F. H. Dangar, 14 cases fruit, 54lb. cake, and 40lb. lollies.
Miss Binnie, a present for each blind pupil and Christmas cards for the deaf
Mrs. Matthew Harris, prizes for the pupils
Mrs. George Harris, ditto ditto ditto
Mrs. J. H. Goodlet, ditto ditto ditto.

Further subscriptions respectfully and earnestly solicited.
FRED. PHILLIPS, Hon. Treasurer.
ELLIS ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary,
225 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION are now prepared to receive Inmates for Female Inebriate Home, Blue Mountains. Terms and particulars Miss CATTS, Harrington-street, Marrickville.

SPECIAL TOURS in New Zealand for members Medical Congress only. Full particulars 4 Hunter-st.

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, kind resp. Person to Adopt or Care for Baby Girl, month old. Address A. B. X., Herald.

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Apply to E. WEITZEL, 79 Pitt-street; or to J. P. WALKER, Toxteth-road, Glebe Point. Key with Gardener at Toxteth House.

TO SELL on easy terms or to LET, COTTAGE, 5 rooms, stable, &c., Liverpool, 1 mile from station, with 9½ acres good well-fenced land; COTTAGE, 4 rooms, 2½ acres of improved land, 21 acres good, well fenced acres land, 1 mile from station, 21 acres good, well fenced and watered land, fit for anything; 1-room hut, 3 miles from Liverpool; Blocks of LAND, 17 to 111 acres, Minto; Allotments, Ingleburn and Minto. To LET, Liverpool, 4, 5, and 6 room COTTAGES, water laid on.
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BARGAIN.—For SALE, Family RESIDENCE, 6 comfortably-furnished rooms, one acre of cultivated ground, healthy locality, five minutes from station. Owner leaving colony. Mrs. HAYES, Illawarra-road, Sutherland

FIRST-CLASS SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO LET, situate at north end of CHURCH-STREET, PARRAMATTA, on the BAULKHAM HILLS-ROAD, ST. HILIERS, Residence of late J. C. CHISHOLM, Esq. Commodious Brick-built COTTAGE RESIDENCE, with 2 acres of improved land; distance from railway station, 1½ mile. Railway omnibuses run close to the property. INSPECTION INVITED.

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GLEBE PT., Allen-street, opp. Tram Ter.—For SALE, a well-built and beautifully-finished Cottage VILLA of modern designs. 7 rooms and offices, front and side halls. Must be sold.
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ALLOTMENT of LAND for SALE, 20 x 110, Rose-st. Annandale. Apply 86 Trafalgar-st.

RANDWICK.—TO SQUATTERS.—A superior detached Cottage VILLA, drawing, dining, breakfast rooms, 4 bedrooms (furniture for sale), built seven years, large rooms, wide verandahs, pretty lawn, lovely views, 3 minutes tram or beach, principal st. Torrens title. Terms moderate. Barg. Leigh Cottage, Belmore-rd., n. Coogee.

KENSINGTON, the new Model Suburb, an extension of the city and surrounded by parks, is only about 15 minutes from the centre of Sydney by 3d tram or omnibus. The avenues and streets are well laid out and planted with trees. TORRENS TITLE. Particulars and prices of ALLOTMENTS for SALE at Estate Office, Kensington.

FOR SALE or to LET, Gentleman's Cottage RESIDENCE, every convenience, stables, coachhouse, orchard, garden, paddocks, enclosed paling fence, elevated position, Parramatta district, 8 minutes station.
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ACRE BLOCKS for Sale, Chatswood, ½-mile west Great Northern Hotel. Harnett, Hunter-st.

GOOD FARM, near Mudgee, 400 acres, 10 paddocks; house and kitchen, 13 rooms, 150 acres cultivated, lucerne, &c.; permanent water, 1½ miles from Butter Factory. Price, £3 6s per acre. J. Y. MILLS, 161 Pitt-st.

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For SALE, 360 acres of Beautiful Land at LEURA (near Katoomba).
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FRED. W. PARSONS has FOR PRIVATE SALE.—

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SPRINGWOOD, handy to Station.—Comfortable, well-built brick Cottage (cavity walls), containing 6 rooms and offices, stable, buggy shed, together with land up to 50 acres.

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STRATHFIELD.—Good Building Corner Sites, in ½-acre lots.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO, Palmer-street.—Comfortable House, 6 rooms and offices, £675; small dep., bal. as rent.

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STANMORE.—Private Sale, splendid Cottage, Fiona, Harrow-rd., 8 rooms, stable, buggy-house, conn. sewer.

A SOUND INVESTMENT.—For SALE, by order of the Mortgagees, a well-built TERRACE of FIVE COTTAGES, situated at Henderson-road, Alexandria. This is a very good letting property, and now returning £104 per year. Price only £850.
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S. RITCHIE, House and Estate Agent, Stanmore-road, Petersham.—For SALE and TO LET, Cottages, Houses, Stanmore, Petersham. Great Bargains offered. Kindly call at once. (Drive to inspect.)

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A CHEAP COTTAGE at PETERSHAM.—Mortgagee Sale.—Well-built Detached Brick COTTAGE, double front, drawing and dining rooms, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, pantry, buggy entrance, land 33 x 124 ft., handy train; only £300, terms; given away.
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Funerals.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. EDWARD GAZZARD will leave his late residence, Badminton-road, Croydon, THIS MORNING at 9.45 for Enfield Cemetery.
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Telephone, 75N.

THE FRIENDS of F. GAZZARD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, Edward Gazzard; to move from his late residence, Badminton, Enfield, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, for Enfield Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of H. GAZZARD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, Edward Gazzard; to move from his late residence, Badminton, Enfield, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock for Enfield Cemetery.

LOYAL ASHFIELD LODGE No. 44, I.O.O.F., M.U.—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, E. GAZZARD, to leave his residence, Badminton, Croydon, at 11 a.m., for Enfield Cemetery. ALFRED BECKER, N.G.; J. R. STEEL, Secretary.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mrs. E. M. MENZIES, Sen., will take place THIS (Wednesday) MORNING from the residence of Mr. John Vernon, Wyalong-street, Burwood, to Burwood station, and by the afternoon funeral train leaving Mortuary Station, Sydney, at 2.25 to the Independent Cemetery, Necropolis.
WALTER STEWART, Undertaker,
Tel., 1544. 129 Bathurst-street.

JOHNSTON.—The RELATIVES and FRIENDS of the late Mr. ALFRED JOHNSTON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, No. 13 Stewart-street, Balmain, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, North Sydney, &c.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. ROBERT WHITE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Elizabeth, which will leave his residence, 44 Kingsclear-road, Alexandria, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. A. J. JACKSON, Embalmer and Undertaker, 203 Regent-st., Redfern.

CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA 656, E.C.—MEMBERS of the above Lodge are kindly requested to attend the FUNERAL of the late Brother WILLIAM DAVIES; to move from No. 10 Albion-street, Ultimo, at half-past 1 p.m., TO-DAY, for Rookwood. Full regalia.
Bro. ROBINSON, W.M.

WHITE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAS. ANSELL and Miss WHITE are invited to follow the Remains of their dearly-beloved MOTHER, Mrs. White; Funeral to move from 44 Kingsclear-road, Alexandria, TO-DAY, 1st January, at quarter to 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. WILLIAM DAVIES are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his residence, No. 10 Allen-street, Ultimo, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.40, for the Necropolis. GEORGE SHYING, Undertaker, 176 George-street West, near Newtown-road.

JEFFREYS.—The Friends of Mrs. WILLIAM THOMAS JEFFREYS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to move from his late residence, 53 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS (New Year's) DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. R. COOPER, Und., 23 Missenden-rd., N'town.

JEFFREYS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM JEFFREYS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, William Thomas; to move from his late residence, 53 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS (New Year's) DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. R. COOPER, Und., 23 Missenden-rd., N'town.

JEFFREYS.—The Friends of JAMES, ARTHUR, and JOHN JEFFREYS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, William Thomas; to move from his late residence, 53 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS (New Year's) DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. R. Cooper, Und.

JEFFREYS.—The Friends of Mrs. GEORGE MITCHELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved BROTHER; to move from his late residence, 53 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS (New Year's) DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. R. COOPER, Und., 23 Missenden-road, Newtown.

THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the WILLIAM GANE LODGE, No. 5, I.O.O.F., are requested to attend the Funeral of the late Bro. WILLIAM JEFFREYS; to move from his late residence, 53 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at a quarter to 2.
S. NEWTON, Sec., 27 Day-street, Leichhardt.

THE FRIENDS of the late PERCIVAL WRIGHT (late Conductor Tramway Department) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 41 Roseby-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. sharp, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON; to move from his late residence, 41 Roseby-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. sharp, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of ALFRED DOE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved COUSIN, Percival Wright; to move from his late residence, 41 Roseby-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. sharp, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. CHARLES CUTBUSH are kindly informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, Tonbridge, Selbourne-street, Burwood, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2.15, for the Necropolis. T. CRISFORD, Undertaker and Embalmer, Burwood-road, Burwood.

THE FRIENDS of JOHN HICKEY, JOHN O'RILEY, CHARLES GRIBBIN, and JOHN HILLIDAY are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER-IN-LAW, Bridget Donnelly; to move from 1 Royalston-street, Paddington, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, to Waverley Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and COMPANY, Embalmers, 120 Oxford-street, and 183 George-street W. Tel., 588.

GILLHAM.—The RELATIVES and FRIENDS of JOHN THOS. and MARGARET GILLHAM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Doris Mary, which will leave their residence, Mabel Cottage, John-street, Randwick, THIS (New Year's) DAY, at 3 o'clock p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 157 King-street East, 799 George-street, Sydney, &c., &c.
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THE FRIENDS of the deceased Mr. WILLIAM JOHNSON (late primo Basso of the Alhambra) are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the Prince Alfred Hospital TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at a quarter to 9 o'clock, for Newtown Station, thence to the Necropolis.
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THE FRIENDS of the deceased Mr. JOHN DESMOND FITZGERALD, Solicitor, are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 302 Crown-street, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham R.C. Cemetery.
BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Dr. J. S. PATERSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, John Desmond Fitzgerald; to move from his mother's residence, 302 Crown-street, Surry Hills, at 9 o'clock TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, for Petersham Cemetery.
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THE FRIENDS of Mr. DAVID RAYMOND FITZGERALD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved BROTHER, John Desmond Fitzgerald; to move from his mother's residence, 302 Crown-street, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham R.C. Cemetery.
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Why seem ye all so gay?
'Tis because the New Year's come,
And the old one's passed away.

Yes, friends, all, another fleet and passing year will soon be added to its predecessors, and be numbered amongst those that have been, and will be remembered alone by events that have transpired within its short span. For our own part, we desire to tender to each "A Happy and Prosperous New Year in 1896," and trust that all that is foreshadowed for it commercially will be realised, and not prove that we have been blindly marshalled, and have not placed too much dependence upon what may turn out to be a frail reed.

If the Inquisitorial Taxgathers pry into our ledgers, they will not there discover the process of making the now famous

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We have before pointed out how good this is to make pastry light and wholesome, and thus aid digestion, and knowing how very popular Tax Collectors are and have been in all ages, we only trust that they will not partake of this article.

Absentees may have some lingering regard for this colony, but the Land Tax will cause many "to conquor love" when the taxes are being collected from immense lots of barren and unproductive territory, which form a not inconsiderable area here, and the said tax to be wrung out of a mere handful of people.

But our friends will have some consolation that, unlike many of our so-called legislators,

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GREAT AUSTRALIAN RELISH
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to battle against the heat that no doubt will prevail,
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SOAP, exquisitely perfumed,
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the luscious Fruit Drinks flowing down its sides as lava does down an active volcano,
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NOTE.—We are open for business TO-DAY as usual.

MATRIMONY.—In wishing a NEW YEAR'S GREETING to all we would remind those matrimonially inclined to take "time by the forelock," and whilst the year is yet young settle their matrimonial intentions by invoking the aid of WELDON'S MATRIMONIAL ASSOCIATION, 57 Phillip-street, Sydney.

A.—PRIVATE Detective COOKE, 126 Phillip-st., city. Tel., 1910, missing friends, uncl. money, divorce cases.

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W.—You will never be forgotten; but why do you not communicate with me? Nell.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

THE MOUNT DRYSDALE PROPRIETARY GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the sixth) of Threepence per Share has This Day been made on all Contributing Shares in the above Company, and is payable to the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1896.
By order of the Board.
H. E. A. MILLER, Acting Secretary, 5 Moore-street.
Sydney, 30th December, 1895.

THE WARATAH COAL COMPANY, Limited.—NOTICE is hereby given that a Distribution of One Shilling per Share is now payable at the Office of the Company, 62 Pitt-street.
By order of the Board. WM. CLARK, Secretary.
Sydney, 27th December, 1895.

Auction Sales.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
SPECIAL SALE OF 20 RACING PONIES.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. E. Ingersole, Kelso, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on FRIDAY, the 3rd January, at 12 o'clock.
1. B g, 2 years, full brother to Sophy and Sophyetta
2. B g, 2 years, full brother to Westwood
3. B f, 2 years, half-sister to Little Lady, by Trident from Roulette
4. B g, 2 years, by Clarion from Remnant (he is half-brother to Dora)
5. A full sister to Carnation
6. A filly by Young Marvellous, dam by Ringwood dam by Yattendon, 3 years
7. B g, 3 years, by Hawthorn by Hawthornden, from Kitty
8. B g, 5 years, by King's Own by Kingsborough, by Gemma-di-Vergy
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Single brougham, by Laurie and Marner, London
Highly-finished English cab, by Mulliner
1 set B.M. English harness
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Latest English side saddle, with patent safety stirrup
Sundry whips, rugs, stable requisites, &c., &c.
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Bay pony mare, 13.2 high, a splendid performer, winner of 14 races. Now on view at the Bazaar

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW (Thursday), January 2, 1896, at half-past 2 o'clock,
45 prime fat calves, from Picton, Camden, and Oaks
140 prime fat pigs, per rail and coast
40 ditto, suburban lots
35 first-class store pigs.

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On account of Messrs. S. M'Minn, D. Buffier, Macintosh Brothers, Thomas Briggs, J. Lakeman, and other owners.
60 first-class milch cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
40 first-class fat and dry cattle.

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FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY, at 11 a.m.
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JAMES R. LAWSON has been favoured with instructions from the Trustees in the Estate of the late JAMES H. VALE, Esq., to conduct the important sale by auction, at his Rooms, as above,
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FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY, at 11 a.m.
*** On VIEW THURSDAY, 2nd January.
*** THE WHOLE OF THE EFFECTS are to be SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE, and the Sale should afford an excellent opportunity for Ladies and Gentlemen to purchase Furniture of superior quality at their own prices.

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The wreck of the barque Durisdeer.

ESTATE OF PATRICK M'SULLEA.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th, at 11 A.M.
IN THE ROOMS, 207 GEORGE-STREET.
By order of the Official Assignee.
THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE'S RIGHT, TITLE, and INTEREST (if any) in and to the BANKRUPT'S INTEREST under the WILL of the late EDWARD M'SULLEA.
A Copy of the Will can be inspected at the Office of the Auctioneers.

C. F. W. LLOYD and CO. will sell by auction on WEDNESDAY, January 8th, at 11 a.m., the above. Terms, Cash.

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Really Superior Furniture, Splendid Carpets, Pianos, High-class Electroplate, Vehicles, Horses, Harness, and Effects, in variety,
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Gentry leaving, retrenching, or making changes in any way, and desiring to sell the whole or part of their Household Effects, will find this Sale a speedy and satisfactory way of realising, and should communicate with us at once.
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Auctioneers and Agents for Vendors.
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By ORDER of the SECOND MORTGAGEE, and Subject to the FIRST MORTGAGE now existing thereon.
The Unsold and the Untransferred LOTS (subject to the contracts in force) in
THE OATLEY TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION,
the property of the City and Country Investment Land and Building Company (in Liquidation).
Situate at OATLEY RAILWAY STATION,
Illawarra Line.
The UNSOLD PORTION of the Estate consists of 77 lots (as per plan). The SOLD but Untransferred Portion consists of 126 lots (as per plan) under contracts of sale to various buyers. These will be sold subject to such contracts, and with all present rights thereunder. Torrens Act Title.
Plan of the Estate, showing the unsold lots, and those sold but untransferred, together with a list of the contracts entered into, with the amounts due thereunder, may be seen at the offices of Messrs. WEAVER and HALE, Solicitors, 16 O'Connell-street.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions from the Second Mortgagee to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock,
WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1896,
The balance of the OATLEY TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION, as above described.

STRATHFIELD,
without exception the most favoured and much appreciated Railway Suburb within a like distance of Sydney.
A MOST COMPLETE and ENJOYABLE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, known as LINGWOOD, fronting Margaret-street, within four minutes' walk of the station, and adjoining the well-known residences of Messrs. Fraser, Bird, and Harry Levien.
THE HOUSE, which stands embosomed in its most delightful and attractive pleasure-grounds, contains the following accommodation, and is built of brick on stone foundations, with slate roof, entrance hall, 3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, servant's room, bathroom with hot and cold water, kitchen with 2 stoves, laundry with fitted tubs, sink and copper, wood and coal bins. There are also W.B. Stabling and a Man's Room.
THE GROUNDS surrounding the house (over ¾ of an ACRE in area) are Miniature Botanical Gardens, and are most charmingly disposed in well-kept lawns, flowering beds, bushhouse, shrubberies, &c., the whole in the most perfect order. Also vegetable garden, fowl run, carriage drive and side entrance. The land has a frontage of about 146½ft. to Margaret-street, by a depth of about 261ft. Title Torrens.

HARDIE and GORMAN, in conjunction with Piercy Ethell and Co., have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1896,
The above-described property.
Cards to view from the Auctioneers.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE KIANDRA GOLD MINE,
situate at Kiandra, N.S.W.,
consisting of two 25-acre Blocks, held by special lease, on which extensive gold-producing works have been systematically carried on for some time, both by the block system and hydraulic sluicing. The tail race, 1000ft. long, is on a 4 per cent. grade. The head race, from Dam to Mine, is 3½ miles long. The Dam, 100 acres in area, has a holding capacity of 500 million gallons, and there are numerous water rights, including a dam site at Pig Gully of 50 acres, together with Manager's Residence, Office and Store, Cottage, Carpenter's Shop, Stables, and also all the valuable plant and stores, including Pelton Wheel with hoisting gear, several coils of Manila Rope and Steel Wire Rope, about 2000ft. of Pipes, 2 Iron Safes, Workmen's Tools, Sluice Boxes, Trucks, Rails, &c., &c., as per Inventory.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, in their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 11.30 a.m., on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29,
The KIANDRA GOLD MINE, Plant, Stores, and Residence, &c. Mr. James Pattinson (in charge) will show the property to intending buyers, who are invited to inspect.

TO LAND SPECULATORS AND OTHERS.

JAMES COWAN will sell by public auction, on SATURDAY, January 4th, 1896,
at 3 p.m.,
Choice allotment of LAND, situated in the most valuable site in Annandale, the land adjoining the Primitive Methodist Church, Johnston-street, being 66ft. to Johnston-street, with a depth of 180ft. to a lane at the rear.

LOT 1, RYDE.—A capital ORCHARD, comprising an area of 6 ACRES, fronting QUARRY-ROAD, with Cottage and outoffices thereon, adjoining the Field of Mars, and bounded on the south by Johnson's orchard. About 4 acres cultivated and planted with mixed assortment of summer fruit trees; well watered and securely fenced. Torrens title.
LOT 2, GOSFORD DISTRICT.—A conditional purchase of 121¼ acres, situated at SOMERSBY, on the Penang Mountain, about 5 miles from Gosford. It adjoins the properties of Messrs. Hunter and Mulligan. The improvements comprise a commodious Cottage and cultivation planted with fruit trees.
Auction Sale at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1896, at 11 o'clock.
(1400) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

SUBURBAN LANDS.
LOT 1. SOUTH SCARBOROUGH. Lady Robinson's Beach.—A Block of Land, comprising lots 5, 7, and 20 to 30, section 2, comprising an area of 3 acres 1 rood 12 perches, fronting Alfred and Frederick streets, close to the tram at Doll's Point.
LOT 2. GEORGE'S RIVER ESTATE, parish of Bankstown.—Blocks Nos. 1, 2, and 3, section 10, in area 11 acres 1 rood 30 perches; No. 10, section 10, in area 5 acres 2 roods 35 perches; and No. 12, section 9, in area 3 acres, situate at the head of Little Salt Pan Creek.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 10th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock,
The above lands. Plans on view at the Rooms. Torrens Title. (1396)

NINETY-FIVE SHARES.
THE WARATAH COAL COMPANY, Limited, in Lots £6 each, of which £3 paid.
AUCTION SALE,
FRIDAY, 10th JANUARY.
(1403) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

BOTANY FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
Lot 1. Block of Land, about 90ft. to BOTANY-ROAD, in the TOWNSHIP, with small COTTAGE thereon.
Lot 2. Corner Block of Land, 66ft. to BOTANY-ROAD 300ft. to Side-street, and 66ft. to road at rear. On it is a detached villa.
Lot 3. EXTENSIVE BLOCK, in area about 12 acres, having large frontages to BOTANY-ROAD (east of Sir Joseph Banks Hotel), to ROAD on west and east sides, and to RESERVE along Botany Bay. On it are erected RUBY COTTAGE and TWO Weatherboard COTTAGES.
*** This is a SPLENDID AREA and POSITION for a FACTORY.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 10th January, at 11 o'clock.
The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. (1391)

MORTGAGEE SALE.
Lot 1. ENMORE, NEXT NEWTOWN.—3 HOUSES in Emily-street, erected on land 60ft. frontage, with a depth of 190ft. Rent, 12s per week each.
Lot 2. ENMORE, NEXT NEWTOWN.—WORKSHOP and Timber Shed, on land 60ft. to COWPER-STREET, depth 100ft.
Lot 3. ENMORE, NEXT NEWTOWN.—Semi-detached HOUSE, on land 20ft. frontage to EMILY-STREET, depth 100ft.
Lot 4. ENMORE, Adjoining NEWTOWN.—2 Detached COTTAGES, on land 60ft. to PERRY-STREET, depth 102ft. Rent, 14s per week each.
Lot 5. STANMORE.—HOUSE on Allotment 30ft. to DENNING-STREET by 99ft. Rent, 15s per week.
Lot 6. ENMORE. Adjoining NEWTOWN.—Allotment, 20ft. to HARRINGTON-STREET, depth 100ft.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 10th JANUARY, at our Rooms, at 11.30 a.m.
On easy terms.
Titles to Nos. 1 to 4, Torrens Act.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (1404)

JUNCTION ESTATE, MACDONALDTOWN, close to the Park, and about 2 minutes' walk of the station.
A capital BUILDING SITE, comprising Lots 11 and 12, having 40ft. frontage to PARK-STREET, off Henderson-road, with a depth of 69ft. 7½in. Torrens title. Plan on view at the Rooms.
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The above land, close to the Eveleigh Workshops. (1401)

WILSON-STREET, NEWTOWN.
Cottage and Allotments at corner of Queen-street.
TO BUILDERS AND OTHERS.
Lot 1. Land 45½ft. WILSON-STREET, depth 120½ft. along Queen-street. On it is a cottage of brick, 7 apartments, &c. Could be repaired and made serviceable.
Lot 2 to 4 are 3 Allotments WILSON-STREET, each 18½ft. x 120ft. A populous, convenient district. Houses built here would pay well.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 17th January, at 11 o'clock.
Messrs. Holdsworth and Son are Solicitors for the Vendor. (1395)

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS ESTATE LATE JAMES FARRANT.
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES.
LOT 1, CITY.—A two-story HOUSE, No. 144 CAMPBELL-STREET (north side), west of Riley-street. Land 16ft. x 80ft. Rental £52 per annum.
LOT 2, WAVERLEY.—A Weatherboard COTTAGE, fronting EBLEY-STREET (north side), a few yards east of Cowper-street. Land 30ft. x 137ft., extending to Gray-street.
LOT 3, WAVERLEY.—An Allotment of Land adjoining the above, having 36ft. frontage to EBLEY-STREET and 36ft. to GRAY-STREET, depth through 137ft.
LOT 4, GRANVILLE.—Allotment of Land, comprising Lots 8 and 9, section 16, Harris Park Estate, having 100ft. frontage to BOWDEN-STREET, with a depth of 264ft. on one side and 120ft. on the other, extending to Beckett's Creek, on which is erected a brick cottage, occupied by Mr. Jos. Rustin.
LOT 5, ROOKWOOD.—Lots 1, 2, and 37, section 1, Regent Park Estate, fronting Kingsland-road.
LOT 6, ROOKWOOD.—Lots 1 and 2, section 8, Hyde Park Estate, fronting Kingsland-road.

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The above properties. Full particulars in a future issue.
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